

Dismay over 'latest blow to local policing' to save £21k

TOWN'S POLICE STATION TO SHUT

Report by Carl Jackson

A POLICE station will close down in the 'latest blow to local policing' in Walsall, force chiefs have confirmed.

Darlaston Police Station's closure will save £20,935 a year in running costs, according to West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson's office.

The sale of the building on Crescent Road would generate around £180,000, a PCC spokesman added.

But Darlaston councillor Doug James described the closure of the station as 'betraying people's trust in local policing'.

It comes amid a spate of four fatal stabbings in seven months across Walsall.

James Brindley died after being stabbed in Aldridge in June, while Reagan Asbury was knifed in the neck in October after a boxing event at Walsall Town Hall.

On January 14, 19-year-old Rezwan Ali was killed at a house party in Chuckery, while Mylee Billingham, aged eight, was stabbed in Brownhills on Saturday, January 20.

Improvement

Police have insisted they are working to reduce violent crime in Walsall but insisted the crimes are not linked.

Councillor James said: "Let's hope this latest blow to local policing in Darlaston can be justified and evidenced as a service improvement."

"Local people will no doubt voice the opinion that this is more like the betrayal of their trust in local policing."

"Now there is not even a police base in our town everyone finally knows Darlaston is highly unlikely to have a police station ever again. A long goodbye has finally come to an end."

A PCC spokesman said: "Darlaston police base is due to close as part of the ongoing West Midlands Police estates review."

"Neighbourhood teams at Darlaston will be based a short distance away at Willenhall police base. The move will not affect how and where officers patrol the area."

Walsall Ch Supt Andy Parsons said: "Decisions about the police estate are not taken lightly but policing is about people, not buildings." A date for the closure has yet to be confirmed.

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£35K JUST THE TICKET TO KEEP WHEELS ROLLING



Aston Transport Museum Trust chairman, Martin Fisher, seen with one of the buses at the Aldridge site in its 40th year

A £35,000 GRANT has been secured to drive up visitor numbers at a 'struggling' museum during the run up to its 40th year.

The money was awarded to the Aston Manor Road Transport Museum, in Aldridge, from the Heritage Lottery Fund. It will be used to hire a professional to look at encouraging more visitors to enjoy what the attraction has to offer as part of a 10-month project.

The museum costs £50,000 to run each year and most of its funding comes through ticket sales. The team will look at how to raise more money for projects involving technology and engineering, with the aim of attracting younger visitors and schools to enjoy the vintage vehicles.

They are also looking at recruiting more

volunteers to help improve the way the museum is run. Anyone interested is taking up such a role has been asked to get in contact.

A collection of 45 commercial vehicles, including lorries, trucks, buses, coaches and a 1900s tram, can be found on display.

They all demonstrate how roads and transport in the local area has changed over the years. Martin Fisher, chairman of the trust, said: "We are struggling but a lot of museums do mostly because of the cost of rent, so this money will help get professional help to look at our business prospects."

"I am really pleased we have secured this grant in 2018, which also happens to be our 40th year."

The museum once stood at Witton Tram

Shed, in Birmingham, where it originally opened in 1980. It remained at the same site until 2011 when it was moved due to a row with the city council over rent.

The volunteer-run museum was at Beecham Business Park in Northgate, Aldridge, before relocated across the borough to Shensone Drive where it remains today.

A series of events are being held at in the coming months to boost visitor numbers. These include a Buses By Night event on February 17, between 2pm and 8pm, where free rides on vintage buses will be on offer.

Anyone interested in volunteering or sponsoring a vehicle has been asked to contact the museum on 01922 454761 or visit its website, amrtm.org

SCHOOL

Paddington film sex video shock

PARENTS have been left feeling 'disgusted' after a video showing a sex act popped up during a school screening of Paddington Bear.

Nine and 10-year-old pupils at Croft Academy in Walsall were watching the film when inappropriate footage was shown, according to a parent who wants to remain anonymous. The school said in a letter to parents and carers that there was a 'failure in our filters' which led to the children seeing the video.

She said: "I was absolutely disgusted."

A letter home to the parents of the Year five pupils reads: 'We had a failure in our filters. An inappropriate image came up. The school has strict measures in place to prevent such images from appearing.'

But some parents were unhappy with the way they were told about the incident and think there should have been a text message sent out to arrange a meeting.

"A spokesman from the school said: 'An issue with web content filtering software occurred on Friday afternoon. The issue has been reported to the trust and the service provider, in accordance with academy procedures.'

An investigation is underway and to comment any further would be inappropriate at this point."

ANIMALS

Rescue centre may reopen in weeks

ROSEDENE Rescue Centre could reopen in a matter of weeks as it emerges police are now looking into the removal of 21 dogs from the site.

The dog shelter in Rushall is temporarily closed. The owner Desmond Goodall, who has been criticised over the conditions for dogs by a campaign group, has accused them of stealing the dogs.

West Midlands Police confirmed they were looking into the matter as well as an allegation of fraud. The group, called Rosedene 12, has rebuffed the claims.

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Secondary schools dip below standard

ELEVEN secondary schools across the Black Country and Staffordshire are under-performing, official figures show. The schools – three in Sandwell, three in Walsall, two in Wolverhampton, one in Dudley, one in Staffordshire and one in Wyre Forest – are deemed to have fallen below the Government's performance threshold in 2017.

This means pupils are failing to make enough progress across eight subjects, with particular weight given to English and maths, according to the Department for Education.

The list of schools failing to meet the floor standards in the region includes Norton Canes High School, The Holly Hall Academy in Dudley, Holy Trinity School in Kidderminster, the ACE Academy in Tipton, Walsall Studio School and Brownhills Schools.

Wodensborough Ormiston Academy in Wednesbury, Health Futures UTC in West Bromwich, Willenhall E-ACT Academy, Wednesfield High Specialist Engineering Academy and West Midlands Construction UTC in Wolverhampton have all also been highlighted as failing to hit the re-

quired standard. The figures show that nationally about one in 12 children – a total of 260,783 – are now being taught at under-performing secondaries.

This is a rise from 206,991 in 2016. The increase comes amid major changes to England's exams system, including the introduction of a new grading system, which has meant the data includes English and maths GCSE results awarded new 9 to 1 scores while other subjects received traditional A* to G grades.

School leaders said the new grading

system affecting English and maths has complicated the way school performance is calculated, as it has to be worked out using a combination of old and new grading systems.

Geoff Barton, general secretary of the Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL), said: "As the DfE itself says, these changes are the main reason why there has been an increase in the number of schools which are deemed to be below the 'floor standard' for Progress 8. It is extremely unfair that more schools find themselves in this situation."

Rosedene campaigners defend rehoming dogs

CAMPAIGNERS who stepped in to rehome dogs from troubled Rosedene Rescue Centre have denied stealing them, after police confirmed they were looking into allegations of theft and fraud.

The dog shelter in Rushall closed down temporarily earlier this month amid damning claims about the conditions the dogs were kept in.

Volunteers, who made the allegations, walked away from the centre while a group who took the dogs on has launched a campaign for Rosedene to be shut down permanently.

But now they have been accused of taking the dogs illegally.

The group, called Rosedene 12, denied the claims.

A spokeswoman for them, who did not wish to be named, told the Express & Star: "We had all of the dogs signed over."

"If we obtained them illegally then so has everyone who has ever had a dog from there, because we had the dogs signed over in exactly the same way."

"We welcome the police getting involved. We have gathered a lot of evidence of our own and we already knew we would have to give statements."

A spokeswoman for Rosedene confirmed the centre was currently being revamped and with a view towards reopening, although they had yet to formally apply for a new licence from Walsall Council.

She said Mr Goodall could not say anymore at this stage because he now considered it a 'police matter'.

Brigg Ford, spokesman at West Midlands Police said: "We received a report on January 26 concerning Rosedene boarding kennels."

"It was reported that unknown offenders cut a hole in a metal fence and led 21 dogs out of the compound and into a van."

"Investigations are ongoing and we are looking to recover CCTV from the site."

Joy as gates shut on traffic chaos



Campaigner Mohammed Arif, celebrates with residents at Walsall's Wolverhampton University campus

AN new entrance has been created into a university campus ending a long-running traffic headache for residents who live on the former access road.

For years students have driven to the University of Wolverhampton campus in Walsall coming off the ring road – Broadway – into Magdalene Road.

It had been a nightmare for dozens of residents on the estate who

had to put up with high levels of traffic, particularly at peak times.

But that was until last week when a new dedicated access onto Broadway opened up.

Former Walsall Council member Mohammed Arif welcomed the development saying he had campaigned for it on residents' behalf for more than a decade. He said it had been prompted several years ago by a decision by the council's

planning committee who ruled that the university could not continue to use an overspill car park at the site unless they established a new access.

He said: "It is so pleasing to see a proper new access road into the Campus and I take a great delight in seeing the much hated Magdalene Road gate entrance being closed to traffic and pedestrians as it had caused misery."

Jail for man with images of 'vile' abuse on computer

A PAEDOPHILE who downloaded hundreds of the worst kind of indecent image – some featuring the 'vile' abuse of 12 month old babies – has been jailed for nine months.

Richard Broomhall spent almost three years building up the appalling collection of obscene material which involved both still and moving pictures, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

It included 228 images classified by experts as being category A – the most serious offending – and a further 240 categorised as either group B or C, said Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting.

All had been deleted after viewing but were recovered with specialist equipment when his lap top computer was seized during a police raid on the address in Jenner Close, Walsall where he was living on June 30 last year.

The 48-year-old defendant, now living at Lodgefield Park, Baswich Lane, Stafford, gave a 'no comment' interview both on his arrest and on September 28 when seen again by officers after the images had been studied.

Miss Nicole Steers, defending, argued that it would be better for Broomhall to have his interest in this kind of pornography addressed and treated by experts. She said this would be more likely to rehabilitate him than a period of immediate custody.

Judge Barry Berlin retorted: "What worries me is that babies aged 12 months are being vilely abused by adults. It is difficult to imagine worse offending of this sort."

Broomhall admitted three charges of making indecent images of children between September 2014 and June 2017.

Graves ruling campaign due

MOURNERS are set to contest a High Court ruling restricting the maintenance of graves at Streetly Crematorium.

Members of the Muslim community have been embroiled in a long-running row with Walsall Council because they believe they should be able to put edging stones and decorations around their relatives' graves.

But the authority ordered them to remove them stating it was a lawn cemetery and in breach of rules. The decision was upheld in the High Court but now the mourners have appealed the ruling which will be heard on February 15.

Councillor Ian Shires, responsible for bereavement and registration services, said: "We appreciate that it is always a sensitive time when someone dies, but as a council we need to ensure that the borough's cemeteries are neat and tidy so our burial grounds remain peaceful and respectful for the benefit of all visitors."

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Flu blamed by bosses on queues at hospitals

STAFFORDSHIRE hospital bosses have blamed an outbreak of flu for causing long queues of patients left on trolleys in corridors.

The University Hospitals of NHS Trust (UHNH), which runs County Hospital, Stafford and Royal Stoke, said it had treated 417 patients due to flu since November 1. Around 20 patients a day are admitted with flu.

One patient, who attended Royal Stoke on a Friday night, photographed one of the hospital corridors claiming there were around 20 people on trolleys. The man, who did want to be named, said there were similar scenes on two other hallways at the time. He said: "I felt that I really had my eyes opened to the problems currently being reported in so many hospitals."

A trust spokesman said: "The health system in the North Midlands has been under severe and sustained pressure since October, and the last month has been exceptionally busy."

"There has been a substantial increase in the number of admissions from A&E into wards at UHNH. This includes 417 patients who have tested positive and been admitted for flu since the start of November 2017."

"The increase in patients and the numbers waiting in the hospital longer than a week to be discharged is having a clear impact on our ability to treat new arrivals to A&E quickly."

New jobs as car dealership opens

TWO jobs have been created at a new car showroom that has opened in Walsall.

The webuyanycar.com opened on January 25. One in four located in the West Midlands, it has relocated from Crown Wharf Retail Park to The Old Foundry. It will be open seven days a week and will be one of 200 branches that are open around the country.

Richard Evans, head of technical services at webuyanycar.com, said: "With the new branch we hope to reduce customer travelling time by opening in a more central location."

"We're looking forward to welcoming many new customers in branch and continuing to be the area's top consumer choice for selling cars in a convenient and hassle free way."

Micro-pub plan

DEVELOPERS want to bring a micro-pub to Brownhills High Street. An application has been submitted to Walsall Council to convert the former Starlight Photographic Services next to Co-operative Funeral Care.



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Murder accused denies targeting victim



Victim – James Brindley

A TEENAGER accused of murdering fitness instructor James Brindley has denied he targeted his victim with the initial intention of robbing him.

The 17-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, told a jury that Mr Brindley was the aggressor, grabbing his jacket and 'running at' him during a confrontation in Aldridge. Giving evidence at Birmingham Crown Court on Friday, he claimed he pulled out a knife only to scare him off after an initial tussle and that he had 'accidentally' stabbed him when Mr Brindley advanced on

him. The youth and co-accused Aaron Kahrod, 21, both deny murdering Mr Brindley on June 24 last year.

The younger defendant also denied lying about the events of that night after he was covertly recorded in custody saying: "If we both say the truth, we're both going to get done." Quizzed about what he meant by the remark by prosecutor Jonas Hankin, QC, he said: "At the time, I thought self-defence was murder."

Mr Hankin inquired why he had not mentioned Mr Brindley 'running at' him in his defence statement.

"I'm not sure," he replied. The jury heard a jacket worn by the teenager that night and found dumped in a bin yards from the scene had a surgical mask in the pocket. Asked what it was for, the youth said he carried it for 'fashion' reasons.

The teen confirmed Mr Brindley had not brandished a weapon and had not hit or punched him. But he claimed he was frightened by his victim's 'athletic' physical presence. The jury were due to hear closing arguments on Monday, with a verdict expected subsequently.

Homes hope as scrap firm base to be cleared

A SCRAP firm which went out of business after 111 years is now destined for the bulldozer – with a housing development potentially lined up in its place.

WH Marren in Willenhall collapsed last year with dozens of jobs lost.

Now an application to demolish the site at Temple Bar has been lodged with Walsall Council.

Council leader Sean Coughlan, who represents the area, said the company was another symbol of Willenhall's 'industrial decline'.

He added he was waiting for formal plans to come forward but stated the fact the buildings were to be demolished indicated the company which now owns the site showed they wanted to deliver housing.

Councillor Coughlan said: "I knew some of the staff there and the owners. For many years neighbours had been living next to and backing on to what was in the last six or seven years and intensive business on that site. It has always brought its problems. Now a company has come in and we could potentially see a housing development in a planning application."

Officers

"It would suit the area better and certainly the council as we need more housing in the area. All we have at the moment is an application to knock the buildings down which I would take to mean they do not want to continue the business that's there."

"We will just have to wait and see, I have asked officers to find out what the company's long-term plans are."

"It is an area in Willenhall which has been in industrial decline for a long time."

Administrators were brought in to WH Marren last July when the company collapsed.

Out of 52 staff 45 lost their jobs immediately with the remaining workers staying on a short while after to wind the business down. It was established in 1906 and specialised in collecting and processing metals to be used in the manufacture of goods, supplying raw materials for companies across the UK, Europe and Asia.



The sign for WH Marren at the former scrap metal merchants site in Temple Bar, Willenhall

Award named after campaigner Jill

A UNIVERSITY students' award has been named after sex attack victim campaigner Jill Saward.

Coventry University's Jill Saward Award goes to the forensic investigation student who makes the biggest impact outside the campus.

Ms Saward, who lived in Hednesford, gave an annual lecture at the university.

She was the first sex victim to

waive her right to anonymity, before fighting tirelessly to help fellow victims of sex attacks.

Sadly, she died last year, aged 51. Since then, more than £20,000 has been raised in her name, and will be used by the family to set up a new charity.

Widower Gavin Drake, who has now moved to London, hopes to also reissue her book Rape: My Story with added chapters. It was

first published in 1990. Mr Drake said: "The university contacted me to say they wanted to name an award for the forensic investigation course in her name. I then had the privilege to provide the award at the graduation in October."

"It is a huge honour," Mr Drake added.

Ms Saward was raped by a gang of intruders at a vicarage in Ealing in 1986.

NEWS IN BRIEF

63 council homes plans revealed

PLANS have been revealed to build more than 60 council homes.

Housing bosses at Sandwell Council are trying to secure Government funds for the project in Tipton.

A total of 63 homes, from two to four-bedrooms, have been earmarked for three council-owned sites in Strathmore Road and Henn Street. The council is also aiming to secure funding from Homes England to help develop the scheme.

Councillor Kerrie Carmichael, for housing, said: "This would bring about a much-needed boost to our housing stock with another 63 high-quality affordable homes."

Work under way on new scanners

WORK is under way to house two new MRI scanners at Walsall Manor Hospital as part of another important investment in healthcare services.

The current MRI scanner is more than 16 years old. In partnership with the InHealth Group, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust has entered into a 15-year contract to replace the current old scanner and install a second.

This will enable the Trust to make better use of its financial resources, say bosses. A temporary MRI unit has been put in place next to the glass corridor and Ward 29.

Musicians link-up for concert in city

FIVE leading contemporary folk singer-songwriters and musicians get together for the Shake The Chains concert in Birmingham this weekend.

Sunday night's Town Hall line-up includes BBC 2 Folk Award winners Nancy Kerr, Hannah Martin and Greg Russell with guest appearance from Steve Knightley and Grace Petrie.

The concert of eclectic folk and protest follows the Shake The Chains album, released in response to a year of political upheaval. Tickets are £20.50. See thsh.co.uk or call 0121 780 3333.

The Blockheads to play gig at Robin 2

PUNK, funk, jazz and rock icons The Blockheads will play a gig in Bilston on February 23.

The London-formed band, set up back in 1977, was originally fronted by the late, great Ian Dury.

Songs they are best known for include Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick; Reasons To Be Cheerful Part 3; Sex and Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll; and What A Waste. For details, contact the Robin 2 on www.therobin.co.uk



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Flu vaccine for Australian strain

HEALTH experts have insisted it is not too late to get vaccinated against Aussie flu, amid a rise in UK cases.

Dr Helen Hibbs, from the Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group, said the jab had proved effective against the strain of flu – and said people should take measures to protect themselves. Aussie flu has made headlines in recent weeks following reports of cases across the country.

Dr Hibbs said: "This particularly nasty strain of flu shows just how severe flu can be. The good news is that the flu vaccine is effective against the Australian flu and it is still not too late for people to get protected."

University signs up for project

A MIDLANDS university has signed up to a Government initiative aimed at getting young people from poorer backgrounds into higher education.

Newman University in Birmingham is part of the National Collaborative Outreach Project (NCOP), which is tasked with increasing numbers at university from disadvantaged families.

The university has a dedicated NCOP team who work with schools and colleges in the area.

Former Newman student Lewis Hickman, from Bartley Green, returned to the university to work on the project.

Mecca marking Macarena's 25th

BINGO lovers are being called on to pull their best 90s dance moves.

Bilston's Mecca is looking for people to flaunt their moves to throwback hit Macarena for the chance to grab a £1,000 holiday. It comes as the bingo hall, based at Spring Vale Retail Park, celebrates 25 years of Los Del Rio's one-hit wonder.

Dance videos need to be uploaded to the Bilston branch's Facebook on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call 01902 405065.

Home unveils its £2m extension

A CARE home has unveiled its new £2 million extension. Beech Hill Grange, in Sutton Coldfield, provides nursing and dementia care.

The service has now doubled its footprint with the expansion, increasing its capacity to 75 rooms.

The extension also includes a new piano lounge and sitting room. There is also a private dining room and a hair salon.

After latest cases, councillor to lobby for tougher action



Campaign – MP Eddie Hughes



Victim – John Hickinbottom



Banned driver Craig Edwards



Cyclist death – Kade Scrivens



Rebecca McManus was killed

Justice call for families of killer drivers' victims

A COMMUNITY leader in Walsall says he is setting up a panel to lobby the courts system calling for tougher sentences for killer speeding drivers.

It is part of the campaign launched following the jailing of two men causing death by dangerous driving.

Craig Edwards, aged 29, of Cumberland Road, Walsall, received a seven-year sentence for killing pedestrian John Hickinbottom in Walsall.

Kade Scrivens, 24, of Booth Street in Handsworth, received a seven-and-a-half-year prison sentence for killing cyclist John Harrison in Walsall Councillor Doug James's ward of Darlaston.

Councillor James said he would now invite other community leaders and MPs to join the panel, focusing on sentences and putting pressure on the court system to deliver 'suitable' punishment.

He added: "The leniency of the courts results in people being released far too early – we all want to see justice being done."

Councillor James's ward is where Scrivens drove a BMW at speed before losing control and hitting cyclist Mr Harrison, aged 59.

Wolverhampton Court heard how Scrivens then fled the scene on Midland Road.

He only handed himself into police 55 hours later after a public appeal.

Scrivens took so long, according to Judge Simon Ward, because he had been high on drugs or drunk.

Councillor James said: "He will be out in less than four years, yet a community, a family has lost a loved one."

"Something needs to be done about this."

Meanwhile Mr Hickinbottom's family who were in court to watch the



Gez McManus lost his daughter when she was hit by a speeding driver

proceedings, must attempt to move on without the 74-year-old, of Lilac Grove, Bentley.

Granddaughter Jade told the court: "It felt like my world was falling apart without him."

And, in the Scrivens case, in a victim impact statement read out in court, Mr Harrison's brother, Christopher, 70, said his death 'has affected me greatly'.

The two cases have triggered a campaign by the Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star for tougher sentences on killer drivers, supported by Gez McManus, aged 54, of Balsall Common, who wants killer drivers to be banned from the roads for life.

He also says judges should be stricter with their sentences and people need to be educated on the dangers

of driving dangerously. The Ministry of Justice is proposing for the maximum sentence for causing death by dangerous driving to go up from 14 years' prison to life. But the plan has yet to go before Parliament.

Mr McManus's 21-year-old daughter Rebecca was killed when 34-year-old Mannan, who was driving at 101mph, hit her.

The fatal crash in Hagley Road West in Bearwood resulted in 34-year-old Mannan, from Halesowen, being jailed for eight years after admitting causing death by dangerous driving.

The sentence four years ago has been followed by several other death by dangerous driving convictions – none of which have resulted in the maximum 14-year sentence.

Mr McManus said: "We have to go

back to the drawing board. Mr Mannan will get his freedom shortly and be in his early 30s, he will still have a long life ahead of him. He should not be allowed to go behind the wheel again.

"The problem we have is by the time the case gets to the court it is too late, someone has died. People who view it as socially acceptable need to realise it is socially unacceptable."

Mr McManus is starting a charity called Collision and Reducing Death on our Roads. He aims to reach out to young drivers, encouraging them to drive safely.

Eddie Hughes, Walsall North MP, says he will raise the issue in Parliament.

He said: "People need to realise that when they are driving their car and are texting, speeding, drinking, that the vehicle has the potential to be a lethal weapon. Tougher sentences need to be put out to show that."

Other sentences given out over the past two years for death by dangerous driving include uninsured driver Jake Nelson, who was given a suspended detention sentence after hitting 39-year-old Neil Perry as he crossed the road in West Bromwich last year.

Nelson, 19, of Hales Road in Wednesbury, was driving 57mph in a 30mph zone.

Joseph Chance, 25, of Murcroft Road, Stourbridge, and Dylan Stringer, 24, Wychbury Road, Stourbridge, were jailed for eight and six years respectively after killing young mother Nadine Foster while racing at speeds of almost 80mph.

Former Dudley College student Miss Foster, 18, was a front seat passenger in a Ford Focus, driven by boyfriend Stringer, when it hit a wall in Hagley Road, Stourbridge. She died in hospital four days after last April's tragedy, leaving behind her then five-month-old son.

Campaign launched for longer sentences



The anti-speeding campaign logo

TWO killer drivers who callously left their victims for dead have each been jailed for under eight years, prompting a campaign calling for action.

Banned driver Craig Edwards was locked up for seven years for killing grandfather John Hickinbottom. He lost control of his vehicle and mounted the pavement, knocking down the 74-year-old.

Speeding motorist Kade Scrivens was sentenced to seven and a half years for hitting cyclist Nicholas Harrison. Scrivens was speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Both sentences have been criticised by road safety campaigner Gez McManus and Walsall North MP Eddie Hughes, who is to raise the matter in Parliament. In the meantime the Chronicle's sister newspaper – the Express & Star – has set up a petition

Mr McManus, whose 21-year-old daughter Rebecca was killed by a speeding driver in Bearwood four years ago, said: "Enough is enough."

"Something needs to change to stop people getting behind the wheel and driving so dangerously, causing misery to the families of the innocent people killed. If the sentences are not long enough, people will fail to take notice. We have to go back to the drawing board." The two cases were heard before Wolverhampton Crown Court this week.

Meanwhile, launching the campaign, Express & Star editor, Keith Harrison said: "The crime of dangerous driving should be urgently addressed by our lawmakers."

"While the death toll grows, time and time again we see people who are found guilty of this offence handed sentences that are pathetic."

"Government legislation designed to tackle dangerous driving is slowly moving forward, although it is likely to be a while before anything meaningful enters the statute books."

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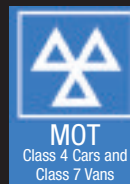
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Schools are sought for Jobcentre work project

JOBCENTRE Plus is looking for more schools in the Black Country to get involved with a project that gives pupils an insight into the world of work.

A six-week employability programme has recently been run with Blue Coat Church of England Academy in Walsall through the Civil Service Local Programme, Black Country Support for Schools team and Walsall Department for Work and Pensions.

Year 10 students completed tasks associated with the world of work including an enterprise challenge involving a cake and samosa sale that raised £230 for St Giles Hospice.

Sarah Murphy head of careers, said: "I have been really impressed with the professional and flexible approach from the Walsall Jobcentres in making this project happen."

"The feedback from the students has been really positive and the school are delighted that the programme is re-enforcing key messages about attendance, punctuality and putting the effort into achieving the necessary grades." The support for schools initiative is aimed at 12 to 19-year-old pupils and also offers advice on traineeships and apprenticeships.

Schools interested in working with Black Country Jobcentre Plus can e-mail blackcountry.support@schools.dwp.gsi.gov.uk or call Gerry Lyng, on 07966 566161.

13 arrests made in slavery raids

THIRTEEN people have been arrested on suspicion of modern slavery connections following a series of early morning raids by West Midlands Police.

West Midlands Police swooped on homes in Birmingham as part of an investigation into the exploitation of eastern European workers, while a minibus carrying suspected slavery victims was stopped in Aldridge.

The warrants were executed at addresses in Farnham Road, Headingly Road, Heath Road South and Westbourne Road in Handsworth, Birmingham.

Nine men and four women – all Polish nationals – have been arrested on suspicion of slavery offences and taken into custody for questioning.

M6 jump threat

THE M6 was shut after a man threatened to jump off a bridge. Traffic was stopped between Junctions 10 and 10A, just before 11am last Wednesday due to the incident at Bentley Lane bridge. The man later came down.

Fate of failing care home left in limbo



Orchard Care Home, Darlaston

THE future of an underperforming care home is shrouded in doubt.

The owners of Orchard have claimed attempts to hand over the business have been held up by regulators.

Vicky and Chris Brookes, both aged 58, had been hoping to retire from running the care home in Darlaston, which was placed in special measures by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in September due to 'inadequate' standards across the board.

The regulator also confirmed that key areas around safety and leader-

ship had still not improved after a follow-up inspection in November. The CQC states homes in special measures will be kept under review and shut down if they fail to improve.

The Brookes' said they had found another provider for the Station Road home but accused the CQC of failing to give them assurances they will be given time to turn around the failing facility, which employs around 30 staff and accommodates 20 residents.

The couple were due to retire at the end of January but do not want to leave the home in a position where

it is forced to close. Mr Brookes said: "We have found another provider and we have asked the CQC for assurances they will be given six months to come in and turn it around. We just want to hand over the reins."

In response the CQC said it could not provide any assurances because the prospective provider had not formally submitted an application to take Orchard care home over. A spokesman said: "There is no new provider because we haven't had an application to register a new provider to deliver the service."

Climb stunt a bridge too far for risk-taker Ryan

A STUNT performer from Walsall took his work to new heights, literally, by illegally climbing up the tallest bridge in Britain.

Ryan Taylor has been fined £400 by magistrates after he scaled the 510ft high Humber Bridge near Hull last May.

The 24-year-old filmed himself as he walked up cables to the top of the south tower of the structure as part of a group. Once at the top, a laughing Taylor, who has almost 700,000 people subscribed to his YouTube channel, said: "We are living life on the edge". He swings on the cables, dangles his feet over the edge and waves his hands from the height.

The video was posted following the incident on May 15 and has since been viewed 800,000 times. It is another stunt performed and uploaded on to the internet by Taylor.

Overnight

Last year he rode a BMX off a diving board at Walsall's Gala Baths for a video which has been watched more than a million times.

Other stunts include climbing Gerald Desmond Bridge in Long Bridge, California and hiding in a Toys R Us store overnight. He also broke into the Big Brother House in Borehamwood.

The video of the climb up the Humber Bridge starts with Taylor, of Lichfield Road, discussing the challenge with friends before he drives them 120 miles to the bridge.

On arrival, as the sun rises, he parks the car and walks onto the bridge before clambering up the cables.

It takes 15 minutes before Taylor, leading the group, is at the top. He says: "This is one of the maddest missions I have ever done in my life."

While on top the group notice cameras have spotted them before



Look no hands! Taylor at the top of the bridge during his escapades after a group climbed the structure



The BMX stunt at Walsall's Gala Baths



He lifts himself up on the cables



Taylor sits down on the main cable

descending quickly to the car and driving away. However, Taylor was unable to escape the Humber Bridge Board, which bought the prosecution against him at Hull magistrates.

Taylor, who was not in court, pleaded guilty to breaching Humber Bridge by-laws and was fined and ordered to pay £165 in costs.

Chief executive of the Humber Bridge, Dr Kevin Moore, said the

board was now looking into the possibility of taking action against other individuals.

He said: "The fact that we prosecuted shows how seriously we take this offence – we're pleased it was a heavy fine. We are looking at further court action where we can against others who were involved."

Taylor is one of a number of stunt artists uploading their work to You-

Tube. People can achieve online fame and sponsorship money by attracting followers. In December, Jay Swingle, from Wolverhampton, cemented his head in a microwave for an online prank.

Sarah Williams, principal teacher at the University of Wolverhampton's business school, said the art was becoming dangerous, with people going to new extremes to get viewers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Work kicks off on 'garden city'

WORK to transform Bilston Urban Village into a green oasis has started. Company idverde has begun landscaping works for the 'garden city', due for completion this summer.

Up to 450 homes are to be built on the former brownfield site which will be connected by 14 hectares of land for public open space and a nature conservation. Economy chief, Councillor John Reynolds, said: "This is a major milestone for Bilston Urban Village. People are already moving into the first of up to 450 new homes. The open space strategy will see idverde deliver a green environment for the community to enjoy."

Care centre future remains in doubt

HEALTH bosses say they are still to decide on the future of the Urgent Care Centre in Walsall – six months after revealing plans to close it.

The £1m facility in the Saddlers Centre, which sees around 120 people a day, opened in early 2016. Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group put forward plans to close the site by last November, pledging to plough savings into improving the other urgent care centre at Walsall Manor Hospital.

But it remains open and Professor Simon Brake, chief officer at the CCG, said: "No decision has yet been made."

Views are sought on green spaces

PEOPLE can share their views and contribute to future planning and management of green spaces in Walsall.

Approximately 10,000 households in the borough, selected at random, will receive a postal questionnaire, the results of which will help the council get a better understanding of how people use parks and green spaces, what people value most about them and what could be improved.

Consultation closes on February 18. For more, visit www.walsall.gov.uk/greenspacestrategy.

Circular walk with countryside views

THE Walsall Group of the Ramblers head to Tanworth in Arden for a seven-mile circular walk on Sunday.

"Tanworth and Umberslade" is an undulating walk with distant views of the Warwickshire countryside.

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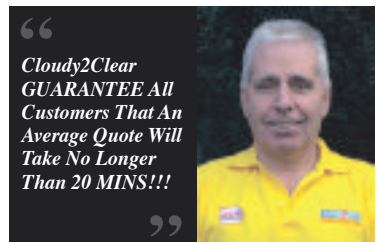
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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Rich list? That could refer to me – and you

A STUDY by Oxfam, which claims that the richest one per cent of the world owns 82 per cent of the world's resources, has sparked a predictable outcry on social media.

"The greedy rich should pay more tax to help the poor and downtrodden" seems to be the upshot of it, and certainly when confronted with such stark figures it seems hard to disagree.

I do wonder, though, whether the professional malcontents busy working themselves into such a fury have actually paused to think about just who the richest one per cent of the population are.

No doubt images of Sir Philip Green, polishing his medallion while soaking up the sun on his private yacht, spring to mind. Or perhaps Sir Richard Branson on his private island, and a grouchy Lord Sugar barking orders at his underlings from his raised chair in the boardroom.

And of course, no list of wealthy pantomime villains would be complete without special mention of Rupert Murdoch, who seems to be to blame for most things these days.

And yes, all of these fall into the richest one per cent, but they are not alone. According to the Global Rich List, which defines such things, anybody earning more than £22,706 a year is in the richest one per cent. I wonder how many of the people angrily pointing the finger at the "greedy rich" realise that they too are members of that exclusive club?

More to the point, how many of these members of the richest one per cent, particularly those who work in the public sector, have been on protest marches demanding an end to "austerity", and an inflation-busting pay rise?

If the Oxfam report tells us anything, it is that most people in this country are pretty well-off, and maybe a little less moaning wouldn't go amiss when there are so many people in the world who really do have something to complain about.

By the way, the chief executive of Oxfam earned £127,753 last year.

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INTERESTINGLY, the Oxfam report also coincides with a new report by the Rowntree Foundation which says more than half of children in London and Birmingham are living in poverty.

The study defines poverty as having an income, after housing costs, of less than £248 a week, which is a little confusing.

Given the stratospheric cost of housing at the moment, particularly in London, how many of these supposedly impoverished households are also in the richest one per cent of the world?

Clapping at end of Churchill film – and why not?



Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill in the film *Darkest Hour*



Lord Jim O'Neill now believes booming global trade will "dwarf" Brexit ill effects



Prince William 'laughed off' suggestions he paid £180 for his new shaven-headed look

Patriotic nation is entitled to applaud

A READER contacts me with yet another report of a cinema audience applauding at the end of *Darkest Hour* starring Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill. I'm not surprised. These are self-selecting audiences with a pro-Churchill bias and, having heard of the reactions elsewhere, they are primed to clap.

BUT there's surely more to it than that. Britain is just about the only European country proud of its part in the 20th century. And despite half-a-century of post-imperial breast-beating and institutionalised shame, we are, in the main, a patriotic and sentimental nation. We saved the world. We are entitled to clap a little.

JUST as global warming may be cooled by a coming mini-ice age, so Brexit may be mollified by a general improvement in world trade. So says the former treasury minister and Remainer Lord Jim O'Neill. He now believes that booming global trade will "dwarf" any ill effects caused by leaving the EU. In other words, after all the froth and fury, we may hardly notice any difference. The millennium bug revisited.

PRINCE William has 'laughed off' suggestions that he paid £180 for his new shaven-headed look. This is only a theory but I'd be surprised if he paid anything. His wife's hair stylist apparently went to Kensington Palace to give HRH the razor-cut treatment. The stylist is probably well-pleased with all the publicity and would not dream of sending a bill.

IN case William is remotely interested, in real life, for a Number 3 cut which is not quite so brutal as his, I pay £5 (admittedly with the Near-er My God To Thee discount).

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



SOCIAL media ought to come with a warning: "Signing up to this will ruin your entire life." Latest victim is Amina Khan, L'Oreal's hijab-wearing model who has resigned after somebody uncovered anti-Israel tweets she posted three years ago. How long will it be before nobody on social media will be able to do anything in the public eye because of their hasty opinions of yore?

A FORMER SAS soldier who took part in the 1980 Iranian Embassy siege is homeless and unable to get a council house. In contrast, one of the embassy terrorists, released from jail after 28 years, is said to be living rent-free in London. Surprised? Me neither. It is 100 years since the prime minister Lloyd George promised "homes fit for heroes." It was a lie then and it's a lie now.

THE Church of England is a broad church with half a millennium's worth of prayers and liturgy to cover every aspect of human life. This probably explains why its House of Bishops has decided there's no need to create a new form of service to welcome transgender worshippers: the baptismal service can be adapted. But I bet the bishops considered not only the theology but the maths. According to official statistics, no more than six out of every 1,000 Brits are transgender. No more than 20 in every 1,000 Brits are regular churchgoers. So the number of transgender people wanting a new form of service is vanishingly small, especially when you divide it among England's 10,449

church parishes. And yet who would put money on the bishops' decision being the end of it? The campaigning group OneBodyOneFaith has already accused the bishops of "kicking trans people into the long grass" and the lesson of the Church's recent history is that once it is accused of kicking anybody, the only option is a meek apology and surrender.

OUR changing language. According to police, a gang of violent burglars in the Black Country "scope areas for homes that could be potential targets." Scope? The trouble with this word is not that it means nothing but that it can mean several things. You can scope a property using binoculars but you can also scope it through online research. Joe Public, on being warned of "scoping," may start keeping an eye peeled for dodgy-looking blokes with field glasses when he should be removing images of his possessions from Facebook.

MIND you, if I were in charge, burglary would vanish overnight. This is because I'd have serial burglars taken into a field and shot. Why? Because they are the lowest of the low. They are worse than most murderers (who usually kill in a moment of passion) and worse than many paedophiles (who clearly have mental problems). What is more, there is hard evidence that serial burglars kill people. Home Office figures show that old people who have been burgled are much more likely to die sooner than others of similar age. At best, being burgled causes long-lasting trauma. At worst, it shortens your life. Yet police forces everywhere increasingly treat it as a minor crime and when I suggest executing serial burglars, people think I'm joking. Absolutely not.

TALKING POINT



Cashing in on the sick with fines for parking

PARKING fines and charges have been in the news lately. Recently, The Chronicle revealed that hospital trusts were making thousands from charging staff and visitors to park, with Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, for example, raking in £1.1m.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust made £2.4m and Dudley Group NHS Trust profited to the tune of £471,000, although most of that revenue was taken by a private finance initiative firm.

Add the £2.3m made by the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and you can see why the chief executive of the Patients' Association Rachel Power claims the charges equate to being penalised for being ill.

Spare a thought in particular for the heroic, overworked and under-paid employees within our crumbling NHS, who deserve a bigger wage packet, yet find most of their already hard-earned cash spent on the privilege of going to work and potentially saving someone else's life.

Away from hospitals, it was reported that, to Walsall Council alone, more than £1,000 a day was being paid every day in parking penalties.

One Liberal Democrat campaigner said drivers were being treated as cash cows. And, after an experience that happened to myself, I can only concur.

You see, I was given a penalty charge notice half an hour before my time in a car park had elapsed.

How can this be? It appears that our 'crime' was to top-up the two hours we had already paid for, thus spending more than the allocated time in said car park. I have paid the fine – £25, but doubling to a barely affordable £50 if not settled within 14 days. But I have also exercised our right to appeal.

It does beg the question of how many other unsuspecting motorists – simply in the wrong place at the wrong time – have been caught this way. On only our second visit to the town in question, we were oblivious to the regulations and not aware of any advisory signs, so hopefully common sense will prevail.

However, it is galling that there are people out there who knowingly disregard the law and even ignore any punishment that comes their way.

Campaigners claim payments are just another way of making money from hard-working people, while authorities argue that income generated from parking fines is ploughed back into our highways and making them safer.

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Immigration not to blame for NHS

JOHN Reed (letter 15 January), with his references to 'population' and inviting people to this 'small island', not very subtly attributes the NHS crisis on immigration.

This assertion is easily tested. The United Kingdom is neither the EU country with the highest absolute number of immigrants nor the highest proportion of immigrants as a percentage of the population. The provision of a publicly-funded health service is commonplace in Europe; that's why the sensible traveller acquires an EHIC card.

So, if immigration is the cause of the NHS

crisis, we could reasonably expect it to be replicated in all countries with significant immigration. However, I don't recall reports of patients parked in ambulances outside A and E in Bremen, or accommodated on trolleys in the corridors of hospitals in Milan.

No, this is a British problem, made by British governments. Population seems to be an issue in only one area – the proportion of hospital beds to people, where the UK has one of the worst performances in Europe.

ALAN T HARRISON
Walsall

Take politics out of NHS

WOULD it not be a good idea if the National Health Service became a 'non-political' football? If all the major political parties could agree that a certain amount of money could be spent annually say for the next 20-year period, and this budget was managed by a non-political 'board of directors' – we could get away from the short-term political mud-slinging.

The amount of the budget could be set at a percentage of GDP which would be agreed by the politicians.

The 20-year period could be reviewed and amended at, say, 10 years – but it would be possible that both the Labour Party and the Conservatives could be 'in power' during this time, but the agreed budget would stand. Hopefully this could reduce, if not eliminate, the constant bickering.

ALAN DAVIS
Darlaston

Education needs to branch out

TREES grow throughout our communities. There is a worrying disconnect between modern children and nature that is not good for our future. Many children have little idea where various food comes from or the difference between wood and plastic.

There is an urgent need to provide opportunities for our children to interact with nature in a wild way.

Our natural habitats and environment are slowly being destroyed. We need to be clear about our dependence on our natural world for our food, resources and our future on this planet.

Children at school learn about volcanoes and make models. They may look after school animals or watch videos on melting ice caps but few can tell one leaf from another or one tree from another in their own street. Trees are the living lungs of our eco system, a vital part of our communities. Chopping down trees without planting more is a crime.

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Family size issue must be addressed

I SHARE the anxiety and frustration expressed by Keith Watkins (E&S, January 13) concerning the massive population increase in our country caused by unchecked immigration and excessive family size.

We are a small country and should not be expected to do more than our fair share of solving the world's problems.

Every couple intending to produce children should

think hard about family size and face up to the fact that to do more than just replace themselves is bad for the planet.

We do not seem to have any politicians who will admit there is a problem; much less do anything about it.

How can we change this? The Green Party continues to dodge the issue.

JOHN LESTER
Walsall

Are police of greater value?

AFTER a vicious attack on one of his officers, West Midlands Police Chief Constable Dave Thompson is calling for tougher sentences on thugs who assault police.

He and the PCC David Jamieson should be pushing for thugs who assault anyone to receive tougher sentences than are currently handed down.

Police do a job most of wouldn't even dream of doing, but they should not be considered of higher value than the public they are meant to serve.

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Cocaine dealer sent to jail for three years

A MAN hooked on drugs and gambling has been jailed for dealing cocaine.

It was the second time Dilshad Ahmed had been caught selling drugs, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The judge was told plain clothes officers saw a group of known dealers in conversation with the occupants of a rented Audi A4 in Tasker Street, Walsall at 3pm on May 4.

The driver of an unmarked police car parked bonnet-to-bonnet with the Audi that quickly reversed and drove off at speed, evading police by mounting the pavement, said Mr Andrew Baker, prosecuting.

The officers gave chase and the Audi was found abandoned nearby with £100 cash in a foot well, empty dealer bags in the glove box and a mobile phone with the SIM card removed, he added.

Recognised

Ahmed and a 17-year-old youth, who cannot be identified, were spotted in nearby streets and recognised as two of the three occupants. The driver has not been traced.

The 33-year-old had seven wraps of crack while the teenager had 14 wraps of heroin, £514 cash, a dealer list and mobile phone.

Mr Devon Small, defending, said Ahmed had been addicted to drugs for many years. He added: "He had been given drugs by somebody else and told if he sold them he would be paid £80 for the night's work."

"He has been diagnosed as suffering from Bipolar disorder and his use of cannabis is said to have played a significant role in the development of these mental issues."

Ahmed, from St Paul's Road, Smethwick, who was previously jailed for dealing heroin, pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine with intent to supply. Judge John Wait jailed him for three years two months.

The teenager was dealt with separately at youth court and sentenced to an 18-month detention and training order.

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As a medical physicist, who had a PhD in Chemistry when he was 25, he discovered his own tumour when he went for a brain scan in November 2012. In his memory, they are getting their Austin Healey Frogeye Sprite from 1959 restored which they will also exhibit to raise money

for St Giles Hospice, who took care of him in his last few weeks, and the Brain Tumour Charity.

They will partly be funding the renovations by auctioning off original photos of Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr which was given to him by the photographer. The car is currently at RBW Sports and Classics in Shenstone who have recently finished acid washing it to remove loose contaminants such as dust and dirt.

Throughout his life, he met the likes of Ringo Starr and Neil Innes through his father's job as a radio presenter of the show Beatles and Beyond.



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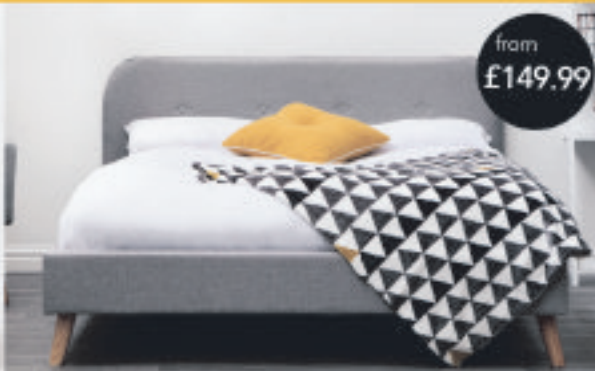
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Shopkeeper fined for selling illegal cigs

A SHOPKEEPER has been convicted of selling contraband cigarettes and tobacco more than two years after his shop was raided.

Trading Standards swooped on Baltic Mini Mart, Stafford Street, Walsall, in November 2015 seizing 12,900 cigarettes (645 packs) and 56.5kg of hand rolling tobacco (113 pouches).

Following a lengthy and detailed investigation shopkeeper Aram Mohammed Khadir was subsequently prosecuted by HM Revenue and Customs. The 32-year-old from Cornmill Close, Walsall, ultimately pleaded guilty to four charges under the Trade Marks Act.

At Wolverhampton Magistrates'

Court he was sentenced to a 12-month community and ordered to carry out 80 hours of unpaid work. Khadir was also told to pay £3,393.65 in costs and a victim surcharge of £80. Walsall Council cabinet chief Ian Shires said: "The sale of counterfeit and non duty paid tobacco pose a significant risk to the health of residents."

Auschwitz survivor says lessons must be learned

'THIS must never be allowed to happen again.'

An Auschwitz survivor has urged people to learn lessons from the past in order to avoid the horrific persecution carried out by the Nazi regime.

Mindu Hornick, aged 88, addressed a crowd at a Black Country church ahead Saturday's Holocaust Memorial Day.

Speaking at the event in The Crossing at St Pauls in Walsall she said: "Holocaust Memorial Day is designed as a day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered under Nazi persecution during the Holocaust."

Drafted

"We must challenge ourselves and use lessons from our shared experiences to look forward and shape our lives."

Mindu grew up in a small town outside Prague in Czechoslovakia with her family until her father was drafted to dig trenches for the German army in 1941.

A year later she was sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau with her mother, older sister and two younger brothers.



Mindu Hornick, aged 88, speaks at The Crossing at St Pauls in Walsall

Mindu and her sister survived as they were sent to work in an ammunition factory - but never saw their mother or brothers again. In May 1945, the concentration camp's surviving women and girls were loaded on to a train to an unknown destination, accompanied by SS guards.

The train was accidentally bombed by the Allies - who did not realise prisoners were on board - but both Mindu and her sister survived. Along with other survivors they were ordered by guards to walk to the port of Lübeck where their captors tried to load them into cattle trucks, claiming they were going to hand them over to the Red Cross.

Their real intention was to blow them up once they were all on board - but the group of prisoners refused to move until they were met by their liberators. Mindu came to the UK in 1948 after the Russian invasion of Prague and now lives in Edgbaston.

When she first moved over she lived with her aunt and uncle who had also survived the war and made a new life for herself. She is now a grandmother and for over a decade has been talking about her Holocaust experiences to young people and adults.

Mindu added: "By the painful sharing of what happened to me and my family in those terrible years, we are reminding people that the unimaginable happened to us and that this should never be allowed to happen again."

Mindu returned to Auschwitz back in 2015 for a memorial service which provided 'some kind of closure'.

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Rotherham sex ring survivor gives talk

Victim of abuse in 'speak out' plea

A VICTIM of the Rotherham sex abuse ring gave a hard-hitting talk about her experiences to a local school to encourage children to speak out.

Sammy Woodhouse, aged 32, had been abused since she was 14-years-old by ringleader Arshid Hussain but when she found her voice she sparked a police investigation that brought down the sex ring.

Since then, she has worked with police to expose offenders and visited West Walsall E-Act Academy on Thursday to talk to students ranging from ages 11 to 18 to help raise awareness.

Understanding

She said: "I think sometimes we can wrap kids up in cotton wool because we want them to be children because of course we have to allow kids to be kids."

"When I was at school, I did not get talks like this or a proper understanding of what is a healthy relationship or friendship."

"I have been able to take my experience and make it into something good by educating. That is why I do what I



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Sammy Woodhouse visiting West Walsall E-Act Academy

do – to get kids to come forward." An investigation into her case exposed the extent of the abuse that led to 20 men being jailed for almost 300 years for abusing 1,400 victims.

She held a talk for each year group, tailoring the amount of detail depending on the age group.

The talk is part of the #iMatterWalsall community initiative backed by West Midlands Police to tackle child sexual exploitation in the region.

Deputy head Lorna McGregor said: "This has provided students with a greater awareness and clearer understanding which helps in keeping them

safe. We welcome this visit as it builds on our extensive safeguarding curriculum for students to make them aware of risks and more importantly what actions they can take if they or anyone close to them including family and friends are at risk."

West Midlands Police are continuing to work with Miss Woodhouse to hold talks around more schools in Walsall.

The force already works with partner agencies to promote the campaign See Me, Hear Me which is designed to raise awareness around child sexual exploitation and encourage people to report suspicious activity.

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Eight homes raided by gang of rush robbers

EASTERN European robbers have struck eight times in just a matter of days across the Black Country, threatening and attacking victims in their own homes.

Police are appealing for information on the rush robberies, which have seen victims threatened with weapons and attacked before jewellery and cash was stolen.

Pictured on the right are the suspects West Midlands Police want to speak to.

Thieves struck first on Hill Street, Bradley, Wolverhampton, on January 13, with an address on Greets Green Road in West Bromwich targeted the same day.

Two days later, January 15, addresses in Oak Street, Chapel Ash, Wolverhampton and Bescot Road, Pleck, Walsall, were robbed.

Bleach

There was a robbery on Simcox Road, Wednesbury, on January 18 before the spate on January 19 in Wolverhampton where homes on Pine Close, Merridale, Three Tuns Lane, Bushbury, and Perton Road, Compton, were all robbed.

Up to five Eastern European suspects are understood to have burst into homes and on some occasions used bleach and cleaning fluids on the hands of victims in a sub-standard attempt to clean DNA evidence.

Inspector Ade George said: "We're currently investigating five crimes across Wolverhampton, and a further three in Sandwell and Walsall. Force has been used on a number of occasions and victims left traumatised by the experience."



CCTV images of the robbers who targeted Black Country homes

"We believe these criminals scope areas for homes that could be potential targets, I ask people to be aware of individuals or vehicles in their area acting suspiciously. If you are in any doubt, call police."

"People who behave in this way deserve no protection."

"We need people to come forward and tell us who they suspect is involved so we can take action, identify

and bring those responsible for these burglaries to justice."

"I'd also like to ask for residents who are reading this in the news or on social media, to help us inform the wider community by sharing this information with neighbours, friends and family members."

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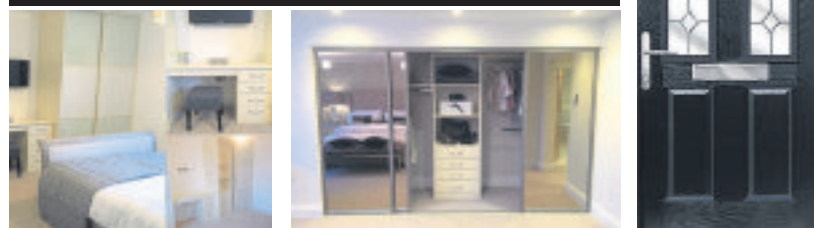


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The 1st Cheslyn Hay Scout Group was founded in 1969 by Alan Carvey, who was once in the Scouts himself and decided that he wanted to give the village's youngsters the same opportunities he had.

Currently, the group has more than 40 members belonging to the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers sections, ranging in age from six to 18.

Wooden

The group is run by a group scout leader, 12 group leaders and four executive members, who all give their own time for no financial reward.

The group is located in a purpose-built brick-built hut after the previous wooden one was destroyed in a fire. The facility is also used by the Girl Guides and St Marks pre-school playgroup. Bob Massey, chair of the



From left, Group Scout Leader Mick Powell with 1st Cheslyn Hay Scout Group scouts and Sheena Hawkins, a member of Midland Expressway's social committee. Scout group, said: "1st Cheslyn Hay Scout Group has been running for 50 years, and storage has always been a massive issue for the group."

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Jail on hold over images

A FATHER-of-four who downloaded tens of thousands of 'poisonous' images of children has been handed a suspended prison sentence.

A judge told 45-year-old Wayne Pugh he had not come across a case of its nature involving so many photographs.

Police were sent to Pugh's Walsall home in March last year where they seized a number of devices after conducting a search of the property, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

He claimed he had downloaded the images accidentally but forensic evidence revealed he had been involved in the activity for seven years, said Ms Sati Ruck, prosecuting. Officers found

62,410 images in the category 3 grade, of a less serious kind, and one image in the highest category A bracket, with some of the photographs involving children as young as three years of age. Pugh told police in interview that he had downloaded images on just three occasions when searching for pornography involving adults or teens, which he understood to mean 18 and 19-year-olds.

When sexual pictures of children appeared, he deleted them, alleging his computer had a facility to recover deleted material and that he must have hit that button by mistake. Pugh denied any sexual interest in children but accepted responsibility for the images on his computer.

Defending him, Mr Oliver Woolhouse said Pugh was of previous good

character and was suffering from a number of medical issues. But Judge Timothy Raggatt, QC, said: "I have rarely been involved in a case involving such an enormous quantity of such images. To claim you downloaded them inadvertently is frankly ludicrous."

Pugh, of Severn Road, Walsall, pleaded guilty to two charges of making indecent images of children. The court heard that his partner was standing by him and the judge commended her for her support.

Handing Pugh a six-month prison sentence suspended for two years, he also ordered a two-year supervision programme to address his problems. An order was also made for the forfeiture of Pugh's computer and he was put on the sex offenders register for seven years.



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Wards commit more mixed-sex breaches

Classic artwork on display



The work, by Hans Holbein the younger

ONE of the country's famous art gems is being shown at Walsall's New Art Gallery.

A Lady with a Squirrel and a Starling, by Hans Holbein the younger, is a much-loved work from the National Gallery Collection. It has arrived at the Gallery Square venue and will be on show until April 22.

The Masterpiece Tour is part of the National Gallery's commitment to promote the understanding, knowledge and appreciation of old masters' paintings to as wide an audience as possible. The work, dating back to the 1500s, is believed to feature Anne Lovell. Squirrels were popular pets in England as early as the 14th century.

The gallery has a permanent collection of more than 3,000 works and aims to explore ways in which art galleries can contribute to people's lives, connecting visitors with the work of the best contemporary and historic artists.

Stephen Snoddy, director, said: "We're delighted that the people of Walsall and our region will be able to come and enjoy this masterpiece."

"It will be the centrepiece display in our Family Gallery."

HOSPITALS in the Black Country breached mixed-sex accommodation rules on 133 occasions in three months – up a third from the same period the year before.

The figures for the last three months of last year are up from 80 over the same period in 2016.

Commonly, the rules are breached by members of the opposite sex sleeping in shared ward accommodation.

However, two hospital trusts say the breaches were caused by patients overstaying in shared-sex intensive care and high dependency units, where a four-hour target applies to move patients to wards once they become stable.

The figures released by the NHS claim to show the 'total occurrences of unjustified mixing in relation to sleeping accommodation'.

Sandwell General Hospital, managed by Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, was the worst offender with 95 breaches, although there were none in the month of December.

It was followed by Manor Hospital in Walsall, managed by Walsall Healthcare NHS Group, with 22 breaches and Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley, managed by the Dudley Group NHS, which had 14 breaches.

A spokesman at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust said: "These breaches were not on the wards. On the wards we have male bays and female bays so that mixed sex accommodation breaches do not happen. The breaches in December relate to patients that were being stepped down from the intensive care unit and the high dependency unit."

"When patients step down their level of care from these units there is a national four-hour target to move them off the unit into a ward. At this time of the year it is not always possible to meet that target because of the additional demand."

Choir seeks director

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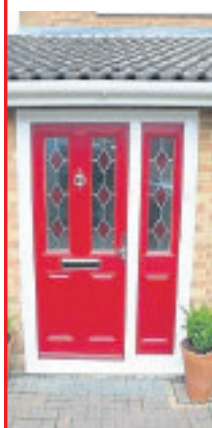


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Knife crime a 'priority' says new police boss

WALSALL'S new police chief has vowed to crack down on knife crime amid five incidents in four months.

Ch Supt Andy Parsons, who was appointed to the role on January 2, said tackling knife crime is a 'priority'.

In this month alone, eight-year-old Mylee Billingham in Brownhills along with Rezwan Ali in The Chuckery were fatally stabbed in separate incidents. It follows on from the death of 19-year-old Reagan Asbury, from Pelsall, who was stabbed at a boxing match in October.

Plus last month there were two incidents involving knives where a 32-year-old man was stabbed on Leicester Street on December 5 and on Christmas Eve, a man was stabbed outside UNIT nightclub at Bradford Place.

Important

He said: "Knife crime and the possession of knives is a priority for Walsall as a partnership.

"There is a huge range of partnership efforts that are being put in place around yellow jackets and knife arches, which is all important."

Education is the cornerstone of the schemes to tackle knife crime including commissioning street doctors and mentors in violence prevention.

They will commission junior doctors to talk to young people about the dangers of carrying a knife as well as have young people mentoring other young people in violence prevention.

He added: "If you carry a knife you are more likely to be the victim of that knife than the offender.

"We also want to highlight the medical issues of knife crime i.e. there is



Ch Supt Andy Parsons, who has promised to tackle knife crime

no safe place to stab somebody which I think is a widely held view with young people that they think there might be but we have seen national stories to prove that is not the case."

The 42-year-old has spent 20 years in the force which has been spend in the West Midlands.

He started in Smethwick before being a sergeant in Walsall when he

policed Moxley, Darlaston and Willenhall. Since then he has worked in Handsworth, Dudley and Birmingham in the role of superintendent before his most recent promotion.

He added: "Walsall is not new for me, I know it and love it. It has got it's traditions and issues like everywhere and my priority in the first few weeks is to understand the issues."

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Pair locked up over 'sickening' robberies

TWO robbers who targeted six vulnerable women in two hours by violently ripping jewellery from their necks have been locked up for a combined total of 14 years.

One of the victims was a blind 68-year-old who was robbed of a present from her late husband as she sat at a veterinary practice.

She suffered a heart attack and spent 36 hours in hospital recovering from the ordeal.

Josh Bluck, aged 25 and Cameron Ball, 18, were sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court by Judge Barry Berlin, who described their crimes as 'utterly sickening'.

Bluck drove a blue Audi A3, spotting the victims, while Ball carried out the robberies, in Burntwood, Lichfield, Walsall and Rushall.

Judge Berlin, sentencing Bluck to 12 years in prison and Ball to seven years in a young offenders institute, said: "These crimes against mature women in the street are utterly sickening. You cruised around looking for easy prey."

It started on September 29 in 2016, shortly before 1pm, when the first victim was walking in Myatt Avenue in Burntwood, said Ms Elizabeth Power, prosecuting. The 77-year-old victim spotted Ball before 'in a flash' he put his hand around her neck and pulled her necklace, valued at £100, from her and ran away.

Shortly after, at 1.25pm, in Upper John Street in Lichfield, a necklace worth £420 was ripped from the neck of a 56-year-old who was walking alone on her lunch break.

At 2.25pm, the pair next targeted a 70-year-old woman who was on a mobility scooter in Norton East Road in Norton Canes. Ball pulled off a necklace she was wearing and ran off.



Jailed – Joshua Bluck, aged 25



Locked up – Cameron Ball, 18

The jewellery was the last item her husband had bought her before he died. "She is now afraid to open her front door," said Ms Power.

Five minutes later, in Salters Road in Walsall Wood, a 65-year-old had a necklace worth £200 pulled off her by Ball. The blue Audi driven by Bluck was spotted nearby by bystanders.

At 2.45pm, the 68-year-old blind woman, called Elizabeth Smith, was attacked by Ball as she took her dog Halley for a blood test at First Vets in Leighswood Road in Aldridge.

Ball grabbed her in a headlock before taking the necklace, which was a 40th birthday present from her late husband Geoffrey.

Finally, five minutes later, in Barns Lane in Rushall, a 56-year-old was

robbed of her necklace belonging to her son who died a year before.

Reading the woman's victim impact statement, Ms Power said: "I do not trust anyone, I do not take this walk anymore. I am too frightened to be in the area."

Ball and Bluck were stopped by traffic police officers who recovered the stolen items from inside Bluck's boxer shorts. Ball fled, but was later arrested.

Ball, 18, of Green Rock Lane in Walsall, pleaded guilty to six counts of robbery at his first court appearance.

Bluck, 25, of Peelsford Road in Pel-sall, was found guilty by a jury of the same charges following a trial.

Both have previous convictions which include attempted burglary.

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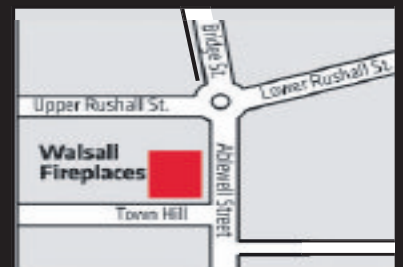


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Injunction puts brakes on car cruisers

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A GROUND-BREAKING injunction banning car cruising in the Black Country has been extended for a further three years.

The injunction bans people from taking part in a car cruise anywhere within Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall, or from promoting, organising or publicising any such event in the four areas.

It has had a major impact since being introduced in 2015, leading to a significant reduction in car cruising in many parts of the Black Country, with the problem being eliminated entirely in some areas.

Some 17 people have also been convicted of breaching the injunction, either by participating in or organising a car cruise, and have received suspended prison sentences, been fined up to £1,000 and ordered to pay court costs.

Menace

However, there are still car cruising hotspots in the region with a number of fatalities linked to car cruising in recent years, and so the four Black Country boroughs, led by the City of Wolverhampton Council and West Midlands Police, were successful in seeking a continuation of the injunction until February 1, 2021 at the Birmingham District Registry of the High Court on January 9, 2018.

Councillor Paul Sweet, the City of Wolverhampton Council's Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing, said: "Car cruising is noisy, dangerous and illegal, causing damage to property and posing a risk of injury or worse to participants and the general public alike. It also takes up a lot of valuable time for our hard-pressed emergency services.

"Since its introduction in 2015, the injunction has helped to dramatically reduce the menace of car cruising across the Black Country, eliminating it altogether in certain areas.

"However, the problem has not been entirely



CCTV footage captured car cruising in a car park

eradicated; car cruises are still being held in our region, sometimes with fatal consequences."

Councillor Milkinder Jaspal, Cabinet Member for Governance, said: "The City of Wolverhampton Council's legal team was instrumental in securing this injunction, enabling the police and the four Black Country councils to continue to crack down on car cruising and to bring perpetrators to book.

"It should be stressed that we are not seeking to prevent legitimate car enthusiasts from enjoying their hobby. What we want to do is to continue to prevent the menace of car cruising, which for so long made life a misery for people across the Black Country."

PC Stuart Hemming, from West Midlands Police, said: "We will continue to work with councils in the Black Country to eradicate this anti-social and dangerous behaviour and make our boroughs safer places."

Incidents of car cruising should be reported to West Midlands Police on 101. In an emergency,

always dial 999. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/carcruisingban>

The Injunction

Under the terms of the injunction:

- 1) It is forbidden for anyone to participate in "car cruising" (as defined in the Schedule below) anywhere within the Claimants' combined geographical area known locally as the Black Country Area.
- 2) It is also forbidden for anyone to promote, organise, or publicise via e-mail, the internet or any publication or broadcast, any "car cruising" within the defined geographical area.
- 3) A power of arrest pursuant to section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 shall apply to clause 1 above.
- 4) The order and power of arrest shall continue in force for a further three years following the commencement of this order until it is varied or discharged by the court. This extension of the duration of the order



Ground-breaking – The car cruising ban has been extended in the Black Country

shall come into effect at midnight on February 2, 2018 (when the order as originally granted ceases to be in force) provided that the Claimants have completed certain steps. It shall, subject to further order, expire at midnight on February 1, 2021.

5) Personal service of this injunction is dispensed with pursuant to rule 81.8 of the Civil Procedure Rules.

Schedule

- 1) The injunction defines car cruising as two or more motor vehicles (including motorbikes) between the hours of 3pm and 7am being on a highway or in a publicly accessible place within the Black Country area at which any such vehicle or occupant of a vehicle performs any of the prohibited activities listed in clause 3 below which causes, or is capable of causing, any of the prohibited consequences set out in clause 4 below.
- 2) Participating in car cruising means being

the driver of, or being carried in (or on), a motor vehicle (including motorbikes) in circumstances in which clause 1 (above) applies.

3) The prohibited activities referred to in clause 1 above are: speeding; driving in convoy; racing; performing stunts; sounding horns or playing music as to cause a nuisance; using foul or abusive language; using threatening, intimidating behaviour towards another person; and causing obstruction on a public highway, whether moving or stationary.

4) The prohibited consequences referred to in clause 1 above are: excessive noise; danger or risk of injury to road users, including pedestrians; damage or significant risk of damage to property; risk of harm; nuisance; and annoyance.

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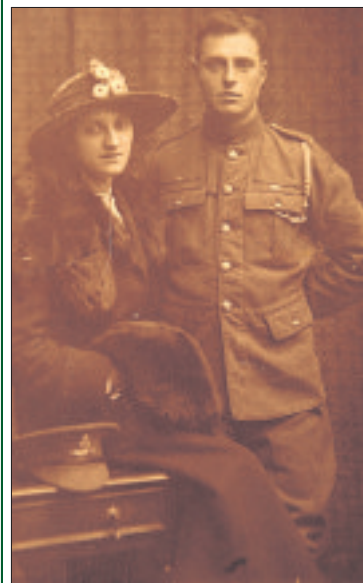


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Leather clues to war heroics



William with his first wife who died in 1940

RICHEBOURG in France to Ypres in Belgium – historic place names inscribed on a piece of leather by a First World War hero during his service.

The item, thought to be the back of a mirror, gives one of only a few clues behind the story of Sgt William Henry Cash, who was awarded the Military Medal for bravery 100 years ago.

His family believe the place names were locations Sgt Cash served as part of the Royal Field Artillery during the war.

But his son William and daughter-in-law Sheila have no idea behind his service. When alive, Sgt Cash would answer questions over his service by saying 'best forgotten'.

Along with the piece of leather, the family hold his war trousers and gaiters, and four medals, which include the Military Medal for brav-



The leather with its place names

ery, awarded on January 25 in 1918. Sgt Cash served as a horseman in his regiment from the beginning to the end of the war.

The family believe the bravery medal may have been from pulling a severely injured officer from a minefield. Mr Cash, aged 74, from Wal-



William, with his son William

sall, said: "My father never spoke about the war – whenever he was asked he would say 'best forgotten'.

"He was in the war from the beginning to the end, but I believe he was able to drop the whole experience from his mind, he didn't let it get to him."



The Military Medal, for bravery

He added: "I went through my childhood thinking he was an ordinary dad who was in the Army and came out with medals.

"But I didn't think much more than that. I wish I knew and would now like to know the story behind my father in the war.

"We have a piece of leather with place names written on, some we cannot make out. I think he noted wherever he went to."

Sgt Cash was born in Holtshill Lane in Walsall on January 28 in 1892. His father, also called William, ran a leather factory in Lime Street.

He had a brother called Howard and sister called Gladys and went to a school in Tantara Street.

When aged 24 he enlisted for the armed services – but no record beyond his regiment and medals remains on his war efforts.

Other medals he received were the Victory Medal, the 1914 Star Medal and the British War Medal.

After the war he worked as a metal pattern maker at Nori in Hatherton Street in Walsall, remaining at the firm till he was 65.

His first wife, Nelly, died in 1940 before he married Amanda. Sgt Cash died in 1967 and was buried at the Ryecroft Cemetery, while his wife died in 1990.

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It's a super trouper of a sunny musical

It's the ultimate feel-good show. Mamma Mia has been described as being the world's sunniest and most exhilarating smash-hit musical. Written by Abba stars Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus the musical is set on a Greek island paradise.

It is a story of love, friendship and identity and is cleverly told through the timeless songs of Abba. The lead character is Sophie Sheridan, who is played by Lucy May Barker.

The action centres around her quest to discover the father she's never known. It follows her story as Sophie's mother comes face to face with three men from her distant romantic past on the eve of a wedding they'll never forget.

The show, which runs at the Wolverhampton Grand from February 6 to 24, is irresistibly funny and has been thrilling audiences all around the world. Now it is coming to Wolverhampton for the first time.

Lucy May is looking forward to that – and says she has a blast playing Sophie each evening.

"Being able to create my own version of it is amazing. I want to transport people away to our little Greek island world. That helps them forget what they've seen before.

"Sophie has been played by others but this is my interpretation. I have so much to do in the show because the story is so full. I just trust the fact that I was chosen for the part and I bring my own confidence to it. There's so much to do in this job."

UPBEAT

The show is truly upbeat. The title of the musical was taken from the group's 1975 chart-topper Mamma Mia. Benny and Bjorn, who composed the original music for Abba, were involved in the development of the show from the beginning while singer Anni-Frid Lyngstad became involved financially and has attended many of the premieres around the world.

The musical includes such hits as Super Trouper, Lay All Your Love on Me, Dancing Queen, Knowing Me, Knowing You, Take a Chance on Me, Thank You for the Music, Money, Money, Money, The Winner Takes It All, Voulez-Vous, SOS and the title track. It has been seen by more than 60 million people around the world and a film version made in 2008 was a huge hit. That starred Meryl Streep, Colin Firth, Pierce Brosnan, Amanda Seyfried, Christine Baranski, Stellan Skarsgård and Julie Walters.

Lucy May says the show is so resolutely upbeat that it's impossible not to enjoy it. "I think it's hard for everyone not to have a great time. It's such a happy show and so if there's someone in the company who's down, it brings them straight up.

"People often come up with these amazing stories about how it makes them feel – the show is feel good.

Knowing me, knowing you –
Mamma Mia is hit-packed fun



It's so upbeat. It gives the audience the chance to escape for a couple of hours. It is an absolute dream come true to play the role. I absolutely love the show and getting to perform it to all the

lovely audience around the UK is a feeling like no other.

"I grew up listening to Abba and we had the Abba Gold CD in my mum's car, so I knew almost all the words already when I auditioned which was very handy ha ha! I love going on for Lay All Your Love.

"I love singing that number and from then on I don't leave the stage for the rest of the act which is a total rollercoaster."

The musical opened in the West End at the Prince Edward Theatre on April 6, 1999, and transferred to the Prince of Wales Theatre on June 9, 2004, where it played until September 2012. It has also featured on Broadway and at other cities around the world.

The present British tour has thrilled audiences the length and breadth of the UK and Lucy May says the responses have been remarkable.

"There was a review back at the start saying Mamma Mia should be available on the NHS. I've played it for the whole tour since 2016. With that

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comes fantastic opportunities for learning and developing the role. I'd like to think I've got better. You practice something eight times a week and different audiences and different places give you different things. We were in Birmingham for 10 weeks and it was great and people are generally happy and cheery in the West Midlands: they're up for a good time.

"I've been to Wolverhampton before in other shows and the Grand is a beautiful theatre. There are some audiences that are slightly more serious in other parts of the UK, but Birmingham and Wolverhampton. But these are cities I love.

"To do big scale musicals that are uplifting and crowd-pleasing and positive is a gift.

"As a kid I did Annie and that really gave me the bug. Most of the people on stage or in the company had done it as kids, they'd done that in theatre school. So to go from doing that as a child to doing it as a professional in adult life is a dream. I try to always remember that. Not a lot of people have the opportunity to turn their childhood passion turning into their life passion – I'm one of the lucky ones."

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A scene from Matthew Bourne's Cinderella



Cinderella dances in Blitz battered London

AUDIENCES have been laughing along to a star-studded pantomime production of Cinderella for several weeks at Birmingham Hippodrome but a very different, darker vision of the fairy tale is arriving at the venue next week.

Choreographer and leader of the New Adventures dance company Matthew Bourne, who thrilled audiences at the Hippodrome a year ago with his glamorous cinematic-styled version of The Red Shoes, has revived his take on Cinderella.

It is set in a Blitz-ruined wartime London where the threat of death has ignited a new age of hedonism as our heroine embarks on a dizzying romance with an

RAF pilot. Bourne's stylish vision, which was screened by BBC TV during the festive season from London's Sadler's Wells Theatre, is a revival of a production first performed 21 years ago and last revived a decade ago. It is a radical reworking that draws on a real life tragedy when popular London nightclub the Café de Paris took a direct hit from a Luftwaffe bomb.

The production keeps the magnificent Prokofiev score from the traditional ballet, in recorded form, and has potent imagery that often recalls Powell and Pressburger's classic 1946 wartime fantasy A Matter of Life and Death, about a pilot who briefly cheats death.

Matthew Bourne's Cinderella is staged from Tuesday to Saturday. See birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

Brief return to Rep for classic romance



One of the most acclaimed theatrical productions of recent years returns to Birmingham in February.

Kneehigh's production of Noël Coward's Brief Encounter, adapted and directed by Emma Rice, will be staged at Birmingham Repertory Theatre from tomorrow (Friday) until February 17.

Coward's Brief Encounter is one of the most haunting love stories ever and is particularly fondly remembered due David Lean's classic British movie from 1945 starring Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard.

A chance meeting in a railway station café brings together housewife Laura and doctor Alec and their casual friendship turns into a heart-breaking love story.

Both the play and the film inspired acclaimed director Emma Rice. She says: "Brief Encounter combines the romance of cinema with all that live theatre can offer; magic, passion, surprise, suggestion and naughtiness."

"I carry this show in my heart and couldn't be more excited to return to this heart-pounding production and bring it back to Birmingham. Radical and romantic, nostalgic but oh, so relevant – let

passions ignite!"

This award-winning production of Brief Encounter premiered at Birmingham Repertory Theatre in 2007 winning the hearts of audiences and critics alike. It subsequently triumphed in the West End, toured the globe and received dazzling reviews on Broadway.

The cast will feature Jim Sturgeon as Alec and Isabel Pollen as Laura. Brief Encounter will be directed by Emma Rice and designed by Neil Murray.

For more information see birmingham-rep.co.uk or for tickets call 0121 236 4455.

Japanese drums and Beethoven

Japanese taiko percussion group Kodo perform new work Evolution at Symphony Hall on Monday. Classical highlights at the Birmingham venue include Scottish violin virtuoso Nicola Benedetti, pictured, on Tuesday. She performs Beethoven's Fourth Symphony and his Violin Concerto with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. The CBSO conducted by Constantinos Carydis perform Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition on Wednesday.



Sub Pop's latest signing at the NAC

Californian singer-songwriter Jesca Hoop, who is currently based in Manchester, is in concert at the Newhampton Arts Centre in Wolverhampton on Monday. She has released five studio albums since she was encouraged to start her musical career by Tom Waits and Kathleen Brennan, and has worked with Guy Garvey and as a backing singer for Peter Gabriel. She recently signed to the Seattle-based Sub Pop label.

Also coming to the NAC are the Jam-like Watford outfit The Spitfires on Saturday. American punk veterans the Dead Boys are at Digbeth's O2 Institute tomorrow (Friday). Reggae star Macka B is back on home turf for a gig at Bilston's Robin 2 on Saturday. Jazz and reggae singer Zara McFarlane is at the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath on Wednesday.

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Hard Sun (BBC1, 9.30pm)
A night jogger is murdered and brutalised in his home, and when Renko realises the victim is a man from her past, she realises his death has dire personal implications for both her and Daniel. Armed with knowledge of Renko's traumatic history, Hicks understands the significance of the man's death, but with the government breathing down his neck to secure the Hard Sun dossier, he once again finds himself at odds with her. Meanwhile, Daniel goes on the run after inadvertently claiming the Hard Sun flashdrive, but fleeing places him firmly in Grace Morrigan's cross-hairs. Pre-apocalyptic crime thriller, starring Jim Sturgess, Agyness Deyn, Nikki Amuka-Bird and Owain Arthur.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Everyday. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Six Nations Preview. **1.45** Live Six Nations Rugby Union, Wales v Scotland (Kick-off 2.15pm). **4.15** Live Six Nations Rugby Union.

7.00 BBC News.

7.10 Regional Programme.

7.15 All Together Now. The musical talent show continues, as Rob Beckett invites more singers to step on-stage for a chance to win a £50,000 cash prize. Facing a 100-strong panel of judges, the stars must not only deliver the performance of a lifetime, but also encourage the panellists to join in too. The more judges each singer manages to win over, the better their chances of proceeding to the grand final.

8.20 Casualty. New COO Avis Baxter arrives to find Holby in chaos. The hospital is at capacity, and a queue of ambulances laden with deteriorating patients is only making matters worse. Alicia is horrified when Ethan tows the management line, stating no more locums or nurses will be made available, and when his decisions result in a serious case of sepsis being missed, and breaks the rules to get the patient - an injured chef - into resus. Meanwhile, eager new F1 Bea faces a trial by fire in the ED after offloading her 'uninteresting' patients on old medical school pal Rash, and Charlie's plans to wine and dine Duffy on their anniversary fall short of the mark.

9.10 BBC News: Weather.

9.30 Hard Sun. The brutal murder of a night jogger has dire personal implications for both Renko and Daniel, and places Hicks at odds with a colleague he has come to respect.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Burnley v Manchester City, Manchester United v Huddersfield Town and Arsenal v Everton; National Lottery Update.

11.55 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman is joined by Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to look ahead to Super Bowl LI.

12.25 Film: Ill Manors. (2012) **2.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 The Wonder of Animals. (R) **6.40** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. **7.10** The Pets Factor. **7.30** Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch. **7.45** Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch. **8.00** The Designers. **8.30** Deadly Top 10. (R) **9.00** Robot Wars. (R) **10.00** Robot Wars. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** The Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure. (R) **1.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis. Spain v Great Britain. **3.30** Nigel Slater's Middle East. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Flag It! (R)

6.00 Hugh's Wild West. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's West Country tour continues as he visits the Somerset Levels, where he witnesses the natural spectacle of huge flocks of starlings swirling in the sky as they come in to roost for the winter. He also discovers how the Levels' dedicated volunteers have helped to maintain crucial reedbeds, which have now become havens for rare bitterns and great white egrets. Plus, Hugh observes the large blue butterfly, which has been brought back to the region from near-extinction, and meets nature enthusiast Stephen Hembury, who has been capturing local wildlife on film, but is having little luck recording elusive hares.

7.00 A House Through Time. David Olusoga concludes the house's story, revealing how it was once almost demolished, then became a home for creative people and meeting the current owner. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 Dad's Army. Mainwaring is accused of leaving a light burning in the church hall during a blackout, and receives a summons to appear in court. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)

8.30 Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs. Paul Merton embarks on a journey from Lairg on Loch Shin to Lochinver and finally, to the summit of Suilven - one of the most distinctive mountains in Scotland.

9.00 QI XL. Jason Manford, Jimmy Carr and Victoria Coren Mitchell join Alan Davies and Sandi Toksvig for an extended edition of the unconventional quiz.

9.45 Live at the Apollo. (R)

10.30 Film: The Talented Mr Ripley. (1999)

12.40 Film: Albatross. (2011) **2.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Scooby-Doo! Mystery Mayhem. (R) **7.05** Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.20** Dancing on Ice. (R) **1.20** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** Film: Evan Almighty. (2007) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **3.15** Catchphrase. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme: Weather. **6.05** ITV News: Weather.

6.15 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill introduces more viewer-submitted comedy clips, including a drone's destructive encounter with an errant baseball, and a photo-shy seal.

6.40 Take Me Out. Men from Leeds, Dublin, Edinburgh and Swansea seek the approval of the 30 single ladies sitting on Paddy McGuinness's panel.

8.00 The Voice UK. The Blind Auditions enter their fifth week, as Will.I.am, Jennifer Hudson, Olly Murs and Tom Jones reassemble to assess the singing skills of more would-be stars. Emma Willis ushers the contestants on-stage where, yet again, the coaches must decide whether they would like to back each performer based on the power of their voice, rather than their appearance. Only once a coach decides to support the singer are they permitted to turn their chair around, and any of the contestants chosen could be in with a chance of securing a recording contract with Polydor.

9.30 Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon infiltrates the homes of another three mystery celebrities, and challenges Shane Richie, Rachel Riley and Alex James to guess 'who habitates in a house like this'.

10.30 ITV News: Weather.

10.45 Film: Lethal Weapon. (1987) Action thriller, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover.

12.40 Jackpot247. **3.00** Babushka. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **6.45** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** The King of Queens. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **9.55** Frasier. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.25** Coast vs Country. (R) **3.25** A Place in the Sun. (R) **4.30** The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R) **5.35** The Supertv. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the landscape of north-west Portugal as they embark on a voyage down the Rio Douro. It's a journey that combines two of their favourite things - water and wine - as they follow the route taken by Yorkshire-born port entrepreneur Baron Forrester, and visit some stunning wine estates. The couple also stop off at the Factory House, a traditional English gentlemen's club that lies in the heart of the city of Porto. (R)

8.00 Village of the Year with Penelope Keith. Five villages from the Central Zone, which reaches from the west of Ireland to the Midlands, compete for a place in the final, as judges Alex Langlands, Patrick Grant and Juliet Sargeant assess their merits.

9.00 Film: Suffragette. (2015) Premiere. A woman joins a campaign to gain the right to vote in 1912. She and her allies find their peaceful protests accomplishing little in the face of an unwavering state, so resort to increasingly violent measures, risking everything they have in the pursuit of political justice. Period drama, starring Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter, Anne-Marie Duff and Ceryll Streep.

11.10 Film: About Time. (2013) A man learns he has the ability to travel through time and uses the power to improve his love life. Romantic fantasy comedy, with Domhnall Gleeson and Rachel McAdams.

1.20 The Last Leg. With guest Stephen Fry. (R) **2.15** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Grace and Trigg's plan backfires. (R) **4.20** Coast vs Country. A woman seeks a new life in north Wales. (R) **5.15** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.40** Funniest Fails, Fails & Flops. (R) **11.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** The A-Team. (R) **2.00** The A-Team. (R) **3.00** Nightmarer Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.00** Nightmarer Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **5.00** Rich House, Poor House. (R) **5.55** 5 News Weekend.

6.00 The Wonderful World of Puppies. The canine development documentary continues by exploring how puppies use their key senses - smell, touch, sight and hearing - to absorb information about their new surroundings, and crucially, make a start on broadening their horizons. Six-week-old golden retriever Dakin demonstrates how his ever-developing brain helps improve his stature and coordination, and a litter of bull mastiff pups are left baffled by a mirror. A cocker spaniel destined to become a working dog illustrates how selective breeding can encourage desirable abilities, and a corgi with a big future as a show-dog must first overcome a few crucial hurdles.

7.00 Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind-Ups. Joe Pasquale showcases one last selection of pranks, with laughs coming at the expense of Justin Timberlake and Louis Walsh, among others. Last in the series.

8.00 Blind Date. A white witch from Preston seeks to cast her spell on three eligible bachelors, and former military man Dean from Wiltshire sets out to find his dream girl. Last in the series.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Sheffield United, Aston Villa v Burton Albion and Leeds United v Cardiff City.

9.55 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Bristol Rovers v Shrewsbury Town and Plymouth Argyle v Blackburn Rovers.

10.25 The X-Files. (R) **11.15** The X-Files. (R) **12.10** SuperCasino. **3.10** Film: Vampire Academy. (2014) **4.45** House Doctor. (R) **5.10** Great Artists. (R) **5.35** House Busters. (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean **8.00** Nature's Miniature Miracles: Natural World **9.00** Spiral **11.05** Top of the Pops: 1985 **12.10** Elvis: That's Alright Mama 60 Years On **1.10** Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean **2.10** Nature's Miniature Miracles: Natural World **3.10** Close

ITV2

12.00 Take Me Out **1.15** Totally You've Been Framed! **Gold 2.20** Film: Yogi Bear (2010) **3.20** FYI Daily **3.25** Film: Yogi Bear (2010) **4.00** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **5.45** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **6.50** FYI Daily **6.55** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **9.00** Film: 22 Jump Street (2014) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: 22 Jump Street (2014) **11.15** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.10** Release the Hounds **2.05** Ibiza Weekender **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

2.55 Film: Columbo: Dagger of the Mind (1972) **4.55** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Foyle's War **1.00** On the Buses **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Sandown. Coverage of today's meetings Sandown Park, Musselburgh, and Wetherby. **4.00** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **5.50** Storage Wars **6.45** Live World Boxing Super Series. Murat Gassiev v Yunier Dorticos. **11.30** Film: Pale Rider (1985) **12.30** Today **12.35** Film: Pale Rider (1985) **1.50** The Professionals **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.30 The Goldbergs **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011) **10.55** Gogglebox **1.05** Naked Attraction **2.10** Rude Tube **3.05** Gogglebox **4.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.45** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4

11.00 Dunston Checks In (1996) **1.00** Johnny English (2003) **2.45** Carry On Cleo (1964) **4.35** The Family Stone (2005) Festive comedy drama, with Sarah Jessica Parker. **6.45** The River Wild (1994) **9.00** The Inbetweeners 2 (2014) The awkward teenagers find university does not live up to their expectations, and go to Australia in search of adventure. Comedy sequel, starring Simon Bird and James Buckley. **10.55** The Hollow (2015) Premiere. Horror, starring Joseph Mawle. **12.50** Troll Hunter (2010) **3.05** Close

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CHOICE



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Endeavour (ITV, 8pm)
New series. The newly promoted Detective Sergeant Morse investigates when a famous international thief tries to steal a Faberge egg from an auction. The case leads to the gruesome murders of an academic and a gangster, and Morse is convinced the deaths are the work of the same man. As he struggles with his new responsibilities, he finds himself forced to mentor a younger partner (played by Poldark's Lewis Peek). Shaun Evans, Roger Allam, Anton Lesser, James Bradshaw, Sean Rigby, Dakota Blue Richards, Abigail Thaw, Caroline O'Neill and Sara Vickers star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** The Truth About Getting Fit. (R) **2.15** Wonders of the Moon. (R) **3.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Songs of Praise. **4.20** Film: The Proposal. (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds.
6.05 BBC News.
6.20 Regional Programme.
6.30 Countryfile. Reports on winter from around the country. Matt Baker meets a Dorset man championing local winter produce, and Anita Rani discovers the therapeutic benefit of making jewellery. Steve Brown learns to drive a team of huskies, Joe Crowley meets a man with a lifelong passion for deer, Adam Henson visits a farm where gathering the sheep is a risky business, and Ellie Harrison learns about foxes. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.30 Still Open All Hours. Granville and Gastric come up with a romantic plan to persuade Madge and Mavis to stay. However, it involves spending a little more money than the shopkeeper is comfortable with.
8.00 Call the Midwife. Nurse Crane and Trixie investigate when a mother abandons her children at the clinic. When the woman is sent to a neurologist, the results are devastating for the whole family.
9.00 McMafia. Alex is forced to admit the truth as peace negotiations in Istanbul get underway between Semiyon and his enemies, but he does not realise he is about to suffer a further betrayal.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 Match of the Day 2. Action from this afternoon's Premier League fixtures – Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur at Anfield and Crystal Palace v Newcastle United at Selhurst Park.
11.15 American Football: Super Bowl LII. New England Patriots v Philadelphia Eagles (Kick-off 11.30pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of the showpiece match.
3.50 Weather for the Week Ahead. **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2

7.05 Gardeners' World. (R) **7.35** Countryfile. (R) **8.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis. **1.00** Money for Nothing. (R) **1.30** Orson Welles: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.10** Film: Jane Eyre. (1943) **3.45** The Crane Gang. (R) **4.45** Elise Christie: In from the Cold. **5.15** Ski Sunday.
6.00 Six Nations Rugby Special. Italy v England. John Inverdale presents action from the concluding match of the opening round of fixtures, held at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome.
7.00 New York: America's Busiest City. Ade Adepitan, Anita Rani, Ant Anstead and Dan Snow take a closer look at one of the most powerful cities in the world, focusing on transport links in the first edition. (R)
8.00 Yellowstone: The Blazing Summer. Summer in Yellowstone brings a new challenge for the beavers as their river dries up, while the wolves have a surprising strategy to keep their pups fed. Last in the series. (R)
9.00 Dragons' Den. The panel assesses the profit-making potential of more business ideas, including a range of language-learning children's books and skin care products made out of hemp.
10.00 The Mash Report. Nish Kumar and a cast of comedy correspondents present the satirical and surreal take on the week's news. (R)
10.30 Insert Name Here. Miles Jupp, Kate Williams, Sally Phillips and Roisin Conaty join captains Richard Osman and Josh Widdicombe to answer Sue Perkins' questions about famous people who share a name. (R)
11.00 Cleverman. Boondee becomes the first public victim of the sinister "Process". Charlotte suspects there is something terribly wrong with her pregnancy, and Koen is reunited with an old friend.
11.55 Women's Six Nations Highlights. Action from the opening round of fixtures, which featured Wales v Scotland at Parc Eirias, France v Ireland at Stade Ernest Wallon, and Italy v England at Stadio Mirabello.
12.25 Film: Yves Saint Laurent. (2014) **2.05** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **3.05** Holby City. (R) **4.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs the Sinister Six. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Spy School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** River Monsters. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** The Martin Lewis Money Show. (R) **11.30** The Voice UK. (R) **1.00** ITV News: Weather. **1.10** Britain's Brightest Family. (R) **1.40** The Cruise: Return to the Mediterranean. (R) **2.15** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Italy v England (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.30** Regional Programme : Weather. **5.40** ITV News: Weather.
6.00 Dancing on Ice. Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby present the next stage as the contest reaches the halfway point, with nine celebrities still in the running to be crowned this year's champion. However, they still need to impress judges Jayne Torvill, Christopher Dean, Ashley Banjo and Jason Gardiner with their talents to avoid the skate-off.
8.00 Endeavour. New series. The detective investigates when a famous international thief tries to steal a Faberge egg from an auction - but the case leads to two gruesome murders.
10.00 ITV News: Weather.
10.15 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with Allegra Stratton. (R)
11.15 Next of Kin. Mona is released from custody and agrees to become a tasked witness, which means she will a covert source for the police in their attempts to bring in her nephew Danny. However, the fallout from her actions at home is disastrous and her marriage comes under more strain than ever. Thriller about a doctor who is drawn into a tangle of betrayal, conspiracy and murder after her brother's kidnapping brings buried family secrets to light, starring Archie Panjabi, Jack Davenport, Claire Skinner and Viveik Kaira. (R)
12.15 Great Art. (R) **1.05** Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Take on the Twisters. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **6.15** The King of Queens. (R) **6.20** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.35** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35** Film: Never Been Kissed. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Drew Barrymore and Michael Vartan. **4.40** Film: Shark Tale. (2004) Animated comedy, with the voice of Will Smith.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Posh Pawn. The return of the programme offering an insight into the world of high-end pawnbroking. James takes a ride around London in an eye-catching supercar, with an aspiring fitness guru who's looking for £80,000. With her eyes on a round-the-world cruise costing £30,000, an adventurous retiree wants to sell a collection of handbags and jewellery. A car enthusiast contacts memorabilia expert Lawrence about a helmet that once belonged to land speed record-breaker Donald Campbell, and James faces a dilemma when he gets an offer for one of his favourite impulse buys. (R)
8.00 The Biggest Little Railway in the World. The model train is only halfway through its journey to Inverness, but has to drive through bad weather and harsh terrain with the volunteers due to head home. Last in the series.
9.00 SAS: Who Dares Wins. The seven recruits who have made it to the final stage of the contest face the most gruelling challenge so far – which only one of them will complete. Last in the series.
10.00 Maltese: The Mafia Detective. New series. Italian crime drama following a Sicilian detective who is drawn into a struggle with the Mafia after he witnesses the murder of his best friend and his fiancée.
11.15 Film: Elizabeth. (1998) Elizabeth I's rise to the throne is threatened as enemies within the court and overseas plot to bring about her downfall. Historical drama, with Cate Blanchett and Geoffrey Rush.
1.25 The World's Most Expensive Food. (R) **2.20** The Supertet. (R) **3.15** Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms. (R) **4.10** KOTV Boxing Weekly.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.15** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.25** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.35** Wisper. (R) **6.45** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.50** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.55** Simon. (R) **7.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.20** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.30** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.40** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.50** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.15** Milkshake!: Paw Patrol. **8.30** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.50** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.35** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55** Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits. (R) **1.55** Film: Johnny English Reborn. (2011) Spy comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson. **3.55** 5 News Weekend. **4.00** Film: The Last Airbender. (2010) Fantasy adventure, starring Noah Ringer. **5.00** 5 News Update. **5.05** Film: The Last Airbender. (2010) Concluded.
6.00 Film: Bulletproof Monk. (2003) A mysterious Tibetan monk is entrusted with protecting an ancient and mystical scroll. As modern-day Nazis seek out the relic in a bid to resurrect the Third Reich, the monk searches for a suitable successor to take over his task – and a pickpocket is the unlikely choice. Martial arts thriller, starring Chow Yun-Fat, Seann William Scott, Jaime King, Victoria Smurfit and Karel Roden. Edited for violence.
8.00 Film: Batman Begins. (2005) Billionaire Bruce Wayne travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice, consumed with rage over his parents' murder. Trained by a secret society, he hones his fighting skills and returns to his home city of Gotham on a mission to rid it of crime and corruption in the guise of a masked vigilante. Comic-book adventure, exploring the origins of the Dark Knight, with Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Cillian Murphy, Gary Oldman and Katie Holmes.
9.00 5 News Update.
9.05 Film: Batman Begins. (2005) Concluded.
9.10 Film: The Punisher. (2004) **1.05** The X-Files. (R) **2.45** SuperCasino. **4.00** Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Cuba with Simon Reeve **9.00** Scotland's Wild Spark: The Clyde Suffer **10.00** Arena: Stanley and His Daughters **11.15** Stanley Spencer: The Colours of the Clyde **11.45** The Story of Maths **1.45** Cuba with Simon Reeve **2.45** Art, Passion & Power: The Story of the Royal Collection **3.45** Close
ITV2
11.40 Take Me Out **1.00** The Voice UK **2.30** Film: Beethoven (1992) **3.30** FYI Daily **3.35** Film: Beethoven (1992) **4.10** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.55** Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **6.55** FYI Daily **7.00** Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **1.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.45** Teleshopping
ITV3
11.50 Lewis **1.50** A Touch of Frost **3.50** Inspector Morse **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **11.00** Film: The Constant Gardener (2005) **1.30** Blue Murder **2.45** George and Mildred **ITV4**
11.10 Pawn Stars **1.00** Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **2.00** FYI Daily **2.05** Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **3.15** Film: Smoke and the Bandit (1977) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** Film: Smoke and the Bandit (1977) **5.05** Film: Thunderball (1965) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** Film: Thunderball (1965) **7.50** Hornblower **10.00** Film: Source Code (2011) **11.05** FYI Daily **11.10** Film: Source Code (2011) **11.55** Film: The Gauntlet (1977) **12.55** FYI Daily **1.00** Film: The Gauntlet (1977) **2.05** The Professionals **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
1.05 Toy Story Toons: Small Fry **1.15** The Big Bang Theory: Go Dating **5.15** The Big Bang Theory **6.45** Film: The Devil Wears Prada (2006) **9.00** Celebs Go Dating **10.00** Film: This Means War (2010) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory **1.00** Celebs Go Dating **2.00** First Dates
Film4
1.00 Catch That Kid (2004) **2.55** Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) **4.35** Dante's Peak (1997) **6.45** The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013) **9.00** No Escape (2015) **11.05** Queen and Country (2014) **1.20** Atonement (2007) **3.45** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

The Silence of the Lambs, Channel 5, 10pm
Trainee FBI agent Clarice Starling is sent to interview an imprisoned psychopath with a taste for eating his victims. The inmate offers to help catch a serial killer who is holding a politician's daughter hostage - but to learn what he knows, Clarice has to engage in his dangerous mind games. Jonathan Demme's Oscar-winning thriller, based on Thomas Harris's novel, starring Jodie Foster, Anthony Hopkins, Scott Glenn and Ted Levine. (1991)

TUESDAY

The Devil's Teardrop, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A serial killer terrorises Washington DC, with a ransom note the only clue to his identity. A handwriting analyst agrees to help the FBI with their investigation, but also has to deal with fighting his ex-wife for custody of their children. Crime drama based on Jeffery Deaver's novel, starring Tom Everett Scott and Natasha Henstridge. (2010)



Looper, Friday, BBC2, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY

Midnight Stallion, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A 15-year-old girl and her parents are desperate to save their struggling farm, and when they discover a wild stallion in a nearby forest they begin to wonder if it could be the answer to their prayers. Drama, starring Kris Kristofferson. (2013)

THURSDAY

Abducted: The Carina White Story, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A couple take their three-week-old baby to a hospital for treatment, but she is snatched by a woman desperate for a child. She raises the infant as her own for years, but as the girl grows up, she begins to suspect the truth and resolves to investigate her kidnapping and find her parents. Fact-based drama, starring Keke Palmer and Anjanette Ellis. (2012)

FRIDAY

Looper, BBC2, 11.05pm

A hitman employed to kill people who have been sent back in time finds his latest target is his future self. Sci-fi thriller, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Bruce Willis. (2012)

Will the truth still be out there for Mulder and Scully?

Bringing shows back from the dead is all the rage these days – and it's probably all Doctor Who's fault.

The much-loved sci-fi show was axed in 1989, was revived in 1996 for a lacklustre TV movie and then disappeared again until 2005 when it made a triumphant return; it's now one of the BBC's biggest hits, with the next run set to shake things up when, for the first time, a woman (Broadchurch star Jodie Whittaker) will play the Time Lord.

In May 2017, David Lynch's surreal Twin Peaks returned after a 26-year hiatus, but before that, The X-Files ended its 14-year exile with a well-received 10th season.

When we caught up with its main characters – FBI agents Mulder and Scully – the duo had been living separate lives for years; she was working at her medical practice, while he ploughing his own furrow. They were initially brought back together by a cable TV host who wanted them to help him expose a sinister organisation he believed

had the power to control the American public.

What came as a big surprise was that Channel 5 bagged the chance to broadcast it in this country rather than the BBC, who had the rights to the original run, or Sky.

Prior to it being shown in the UK, some speculated that perhaps the big guns hadn't wanted the show because it had lost its sparkle. However, their fears were soon dispelled – despite some critics being unkind, fans were thrilled by each episode.

Now it's back for a new run of 10 tales, but there's some sadness attached to that – Gillian Anderson has already announced that she's played Scully for the final time; even if The X-Files returns, she will no longer be a part of it – so enjoy her appearance here while you can.

Really, her decision to return to the programme that made her name was something of a surprise. In recent years she's become highly sought after on both sides of the Atlantic thanks to acclaimed

performances in The Fall, Great Expectations, The Crimson Petal and the White, War and Peace and Hannibal; Anderson no longer needs the boost to her career that The X-Files once gave her.

She is, however, in the thick of things during the first episode, which begins when Mulder finds Scully unconscious on the floor of their FBI office.

It's discovered that her brain is in a frenzy of activity, and when she eventually awakes, Scully claims she has had a premonition that suggest the end of the world is nigh – and the only person who can prevent that happening is their mysterious son William.

Will the duo find him? What will he look like, and is his mother right about his ability to save the planet?

We don't know yet, but there's another question that needs to be answered: Anderson may have quit, but will her co-star, David Duchovny, be willing to return?

Nobody knows, but the truth is out there...



Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny, The X-Files, Monday, Channel 5, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

My Return from IS - Panorama BBC1, 8.30pm

The programme tells the story of a British woman who is back in the UK after living with so-called Islamic State in Syria for more than two years before managing to escape with the help of her mother. She was arrested, but after extensive debriefing by counterterrorist officers the CPS decided there were no grounds for prosecution. 'Fatima' tells Panorama reporter Peter Taylor how the group has hijacked Islam, with men acting as cannon fodder and women used for cooking, cleaning and giving birth.

TUESDAY

The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds: All Girls Channel 4, 8pm

They are one of the most powerful forces in the universe who can get whatever they want with one look. They are five year old girls, and as this one-off reminds us, they are not to be underestimated, as Eva, Jet, Miylah and Zaina prove. The familiar faces are joined by a fresh cast of new girls, while child development experts Dr Elizabeth Kilbey and Laverne Antrobus watch the drama unfold and provide insight into their behaviour. Cameras reveal how the girls see themselves - and the role of women - in 2018.

WEDNESDAY

Eurovision: You Decide BBC2, 7.30pm

The Brighton Dome has an important place in Eurovision history – it's the venue where Abba, arguably the contest's biggest gift to the world, won in 1974 with Waterloo. But will some of their magic rub off on this year's would-be UK representatives as they take to the stage in the hope of being chosen by the public and a panel of experts? The acts battling it out are former Britain's Got Talent contestant Asanda, girl group Goldstone, soul singer Jaz Ellington, musical theatre actor Jaz Ellington, DJ and singer RAYA and SuRie, who has previously performed as a backing vocalist at Eurovision. Meanwhile, another Swedish champion, 2015 winner MÅNS Zelmerlöw, joins Eurovision superfan Mel Giedroyc on hosting duties.

My Millionaire Migrant Boss Channel 4, 9pm

It's been claimed that many immigrants to the UK end up taking jobs that Brits don't want, but is this work ethic the reason why they are three-times more

likely to become millionaires than people who were born here? Liverpool-based Palestinian Marwan Koukash would seem to be proof that hard work does pay off. He arrived in 1976 with just £200 and is now a multi-millionaire with several business interests and a string of prize-winning racehorses.

He wants to give something back to his adoptive country by offering four unemployed people a two-week work trial and the chance to be mentored by him. Will they rise to the challenge and prove they have the right attitude to get a permanent job at the end of the placement?

THURSDAY

Winter Olympics: Countdown to the Games BBC2, 7pm

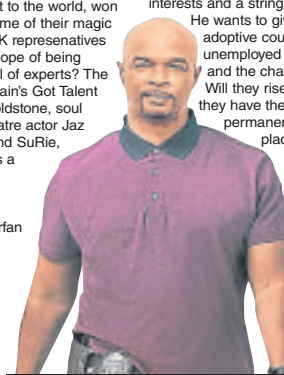
The funding of winter sports in the UK has more than doubled since the Winter Olympics in Sochi in 2014, and it's hoped that will be reflected in Team GB's performance this year – their

medal target for the games in PyeongChang, South Korea, is between eight and 12. On the eve of the opening ceremony, Clare Balding meets some of the athletes who are hoping to contribute to that tally including short track speed skater Elise Christie, who is looking for redemption after the heartbreak of being disqualified three times in Sochi, and skeleton bob star Lizzy Yarnold, who aims to become the first Briton to retain a Winter Olympic gold medal. But as well as looking ahead to the Games, Balding will also be learning more about the host country – including the impact of the rising tensions between neighbouring North Korea and the USA.

FRIDAY

Lethal Weapon ITV, 9pm

Although Lethal Weapon (the films, as well as this TV series) are primarily action dramas, they have always had a strong comedy element. And this comes to the fore this week as Thomas Lennon's Leo Getz returns, which pushes Murtaugh (Damon Wayans) and Riggs (Clayne Crawford) to up their banter game. Tonight's story follows the cops as they investigate a death that occurred moments before the victim won a fortune on a horse race.



Lethal Weapon, Friday, ITV, 9pm

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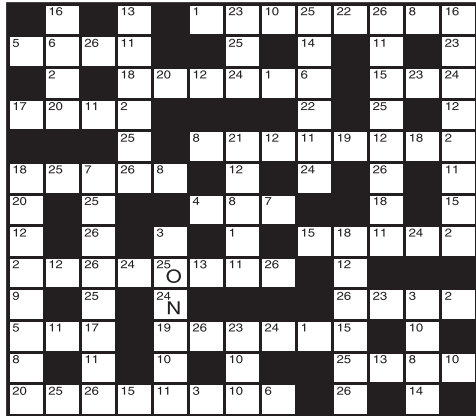
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A	V	H	T	R	D	O	S	Z	K	N	F	W
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

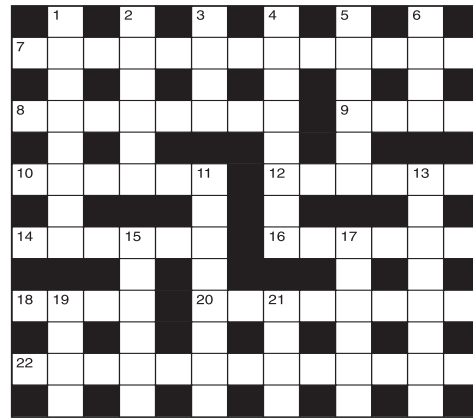
Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Even the nudist will require this! (4,9)
8. Hero-worship adroitly adjusted (8)
9. Some of them matched a favourite of the Janeites (4)
10. Business proposition is far from tough (6)
12. & 14Ac. A person of corresponding significance (6-6)
14. See 12 Across
16. Takes off the narrow pieces (6)
18. That is about five hundred and fifty unemployed (4)
20. Can start to do business somehow (8)
22. Shouldered the burden before nightfall and won (7,3,3)

Down

1. Artist who was an observer of the country (8)
2. Fastened up impressively? (6)
3. See 19 Down
4. Engineer gets bikes and uses the scrap again (8)
5. A track made by mountaineers (6)
6. Check the flower-holder (4)
11. They cease to exist if they're easy to find (8)
13. Particular pieces rewritten by nearly everybody (8)
15. He gets nothing in an attempt to produce an abstract idea (6)
17. An unusual spread had a jarring effect (6)
19. & 3Dn. Exhausted dropout (8)
21. Dramatic pieces following the gospels (4)



Quick Clues:

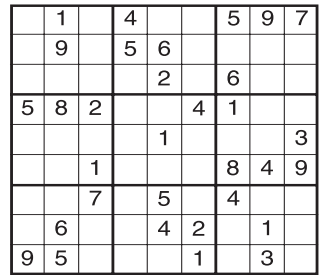
Across

7. Blameworthy (13)
8. Music writer (8)
9. Departed (4)
10. Gambol (6)
12. Sermonize (6)
14. Abut (6)
16. Seemly (6)
18. Heroic (4)
20. Secretly (8)
22. Inclusive (13)

Down

1. Consumed (8)
2. Drive (6)
3. In this way (4)
4. Brave (8)
5. Unmarried (6)
6. Open tart (4)
11. Ponder (8)
13. Private meeting (8)
15. Fill (6)
17. Fondle (6)
19. Indigent (4)
21. Lament (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	8	5	9	4	2	7	1	6
2	1	9	7	5	6	4	3	8
7	6	4	8	3	1	9	5	2
9	3	6	2	1	7	5	8	4
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6	9	2	3	7	5	6	4	1
1	4	7	6	2	8	3	9	5
8	5	3	1	9	4	2	6	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Apes; 8 Communique; 9 Feathers; 10 Post; 12 Stroke; 14 Spruce; 15 Cinema; 17 Rating; 18 Gnat; 19 Pastiche; 21 Plantation; 22 Side. Down: 2 Pedestrian; 3 Scot; 4 Ampere; 5 Curses; 6 Dispirit; 7 Rest; 11 Second-hand; 13 Overtone; 16 Appear; 17 Rustic; 18 Gaps; 20 Inns. QUICK - Across: 1 Toss; 8 Earthquake; 9 Pretence; 10 Gape; 12 Ignite; 14 Driver; 15 Foster; 17 Brewer; 18 Tsar; 19 Consider; 21 Disappoint; 22 Amen. Down: 2 Outrageous; 3 Sent; 4 Orange; 5 Shield; 6 Quagmire; 7 Mete; 11 Preference; 13 Interval; 16 Recipe; 17 Bandit; 18 Tidy; 20 Iota.

Quiz

1. Goths were divided into Visigoths and which other group?
2. What was founded in 1903 as the first English garden city?
3. In Christianity, what are the highest order of angels called?
4. Which poet won the 1948 Nobel prize for literature?
5. Which clan conspired with the English in the Glencoe massacre?

6. Where was the British Unknown Soldier buried in 1920?
7. Of what is stinkhorn a species?
8. Which incendiary liquid is a mixture of naphthenic and palmitic acids?
9. What is the oldest British university?
10. What is the hybrid between a blackberry and a raspberry called?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Paradise Regained; 2 The Velvet Underground; 3 Dwight Eisenhower; 4 New Hebrides; 5 Prime minister (of Ireland); 6 Jeremy Bates; 7 Black Widow; 8 Carol Ann Duffy; 9 Dr Graham Leonard; 10 Nigeria. Niner: SNOWFIELD

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a rhyme,
gives a composition,
gives a German song.

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Three-bedroomed semi would be ideal for a young family

Delightfully positioned in a cul-de-sac location off Stone Lane, Bloxwich, 13 Ambergate Close is a well presented three-bedroomed semi-detached property ideal for a young family.

It is for sale through Skitts Estate Agents through a traditional auction, having a guide price of £140,000.

The auction will take place at Wolverhampton's Molineux Stadium on Thursday, February 8 at 7pm, with registration at 6pm.

Having gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation includes a glazed porch and a reception hall with stairs to the first floor and an understairs storage cupboard.

The lounge has a feature fireplace with an inset coal-effect electric fire, a window to the front and an archway to the dining room.

The kitchen is fitted with wall and base cupboard units with roll-edge worktops, a stainless steel single drainer sink unit, a gas cooker point and a door to the utility room. This has plumbing for an automatic washing machine and doors to the garage and rear. There is a downstairs WC.

Off the first floor landing, bedroom one has fitted wardrobes and a window to the front. Bedroom two has a window to the rear, while bedroom three has a built-in wardrobe and overlooks the front. The family bathroom has a white suite comprising a panelled bath, a separate walk-in shower cubicle, a pedestal wash hand basin, a low flush WC, a window to the rear and a hatch to roof space.

Outside, the rear garden has paved and gravelled patio areas and a side entrance leading to the front. The garage has an up-and-over door and a side window.

This property is offered by unconditional auction terms. The successful buyer is required to pay a 10 per cent deposit requiring an immediate exchange of contracts. In addition to the 10 per cent deposit required for exchange of contracts, a buyers Reservation Fee of 3.5 per cent to a minimum of £5,000.00 plus VAT (£1,000) equalling (£6,000) will also be payable by the successful purchaser. The buyer will be granted 28 days from the date of exchange to complete the purchase. This property is subject to an undisclosed reserve price.

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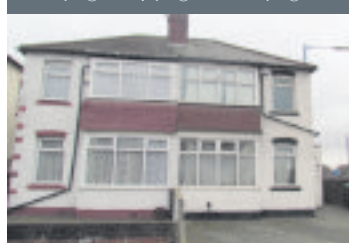
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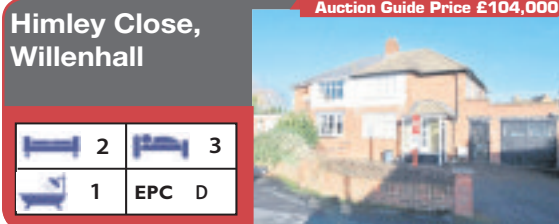
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- Fitted Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- Sorry no DHSS Pets

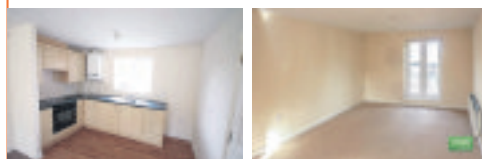
£550 PCM



Neath Road, Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Family Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- DHSS Accepted
- Sorry No Pets or Smokers

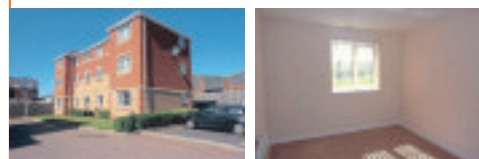
£525 PCM



Walker Road, Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Open Plan Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- Rating:87

£475 PCM



Thornbury Road, Walsall

- One Bedroom
- Entrance Hallway
- Open Plan Kitchen/Lounge
- Bathroom with Shower
- Rating: 69
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£450 PCM



Foster Street, Walsall

- Three Bedroom
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Off Road Parking

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Signal Grove, Walsall

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
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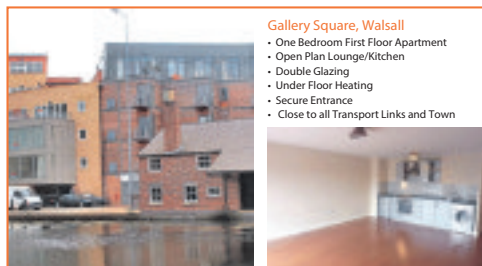
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LOT 1

**Woden Road West
Wednesbury**

Wednesday 31st January at 10am



●Guide Price £55,000 PLUS

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LOT 2

**Broadwaters Road
Wednesbury**

Wednesday 31st January at 10:30am



●Guide Price £47,500 PLUS

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LOT 3

**Beech Road
Erdington**

By Appointment through auctioneers



●Guide Price £80,000 PLUS

This two bedroom end terraced property is ideally situated in a popular residential area within Erdington. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Tenure Freehold Ground Floor Living room and Kitchen First Floor Two bedrooms and Bathroom Outside Front and Rear Garden. The auctioneer is yet to inspect the property.

LOT 4

**Glenavon Road
Birmingham**

By appointment through auctioneers



●Guide Price £77,500 PLUS

This one bedroom ground floor maisonette is ideally located within a popular residential area. This property is suited towards an investor with little modernisation required to the property. Tenure Leasehold Accommodation Lounge with door leading to garden, Kitchen, Bedroom One. Services Interested parties are requested to make their own enquiries to the relevant authorities as to the availability of services. Local Authority Birmingham City Council Solicitors AH Legals, AH Legals, Grant Hall, Parsons Green, St Ives, PE27 4AA, Tel: 0345 305 2543 Additional Fees Administration Charge - £714 inc VAT payable on exchange of contracts. Disbursements - Please see the legal pack for any disbursements listed that may become payable by the purchaser on completion.

LOT 5

**Churchill Road
Walsall**

Wednesday 31st January at 11am



●Guide Price £75,000 PLUS

Offering tremendous potential this semi detached property affords excellent living accommodation with the added benefit of a large corner plot. With majority upvc double glazing and electric heating the conveniently situated property is within a short distance of motorway and town centre and in brief comprises: Ground Floor Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. First Floor Two Double Bedrooms and Bathroom Outside Large Fore Garden With Ample Off Street Parking With Access To Good Sized Garage Together With Neat Enclosed Rear Garden. Viewings: 24th, 31st January all at 11am

LOT 7

**Churchfield Avenue
Tipton**

By appointment through Auctioneers



●Guide Price £30,000 PLUS

A spacious 3 bedroom first floor flat with gas central heating and being mostly double glazed. The property comes with the benefit of car parking at the rear. In brief detail comprising:- Tenure Leasehold Accommodation Hall, Lounge/Dining Room 4.83m x 3.78m with two uPVC double glazed windows, electric fire with surround and door to balcony, Kitchen 3.20m x 2.68m with double glazed window, fitted units, single drainer sink unit. Bedroom One 3.80m x 3.70m with double glazed window, radiator, airing cupboard with Worcester Combi Boiler, Bedroom

LOT 8

**Buildwas Close
Walsall**

Wednesday 31st January at 1:30am



●Guide Price £59,000 PLUS

Situated on the very popular Moseley estate in Bloxwich this three bedroom semi detached property is ideally suited towards an investor. The property is in need of modernisation throughout and with all amenities at hand it comprises: Tenure Freehold Ground Floor Lounge (4.8m x 3.9m), Kitchen (4.2m x 2.8m) and Utility. First Floor Bedroom One (3.9m x 3.1m), Bedroom two (2.8m x 2.3m), Bedroom three (2.6m x 1.8m) and Bathroom with separate W.C. Outside At the front of the property there is an overgrown drive providing potential for off road parking. At the rear of the property there is a garden.

LOT 9

**Beaton Close
Willenhall**

Wednesday 31st January at 1pm



●Guide Price £40,000 PLUS

This two bedroom end terraced property is situated in the quiet Beaton close cul-de-sac, the property requires very little improvement and would offer great potential for a potential home owner/investor. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Tenure Freehold Ground Floor Front door leads to kitchen (4.5m x 2.9m), Lounge with rear door providing access to garden (4.8m x 3.5m). First Floor Bedroom one (4.8m x 2.5m), Bedroom two (3.7m x 2.6m) and Bathroom with separate W.C.

LOT 10

**Thorne Road
Willenhall**

Wednesday 31st January at 12:30pm



●Guide Price £75,000 PLUS

This three bedroom semi detached property is in need of modernisation throughout. The property is situated on a generous corner plot as well as being in a popular residential area.

LOT 11

**Arden Road
Aston**

By appointment with the auctioneers



●Guide Price £140,000 PLUS

This traditionally styled Victorian mid terraced property is situated in a popular convenient location with all amenities close at hand and has easy access to the city centre. Enjoying gas fired central heating and double glazing, the property has been maintained to a very high standard and internal inspection of the well planned spacious accommodation is highly recommended.

LOT 11a

**Albert Street
Cannock**

By appointment through the auctioneers



●Guide Price £89,500 PLUS

This two bedroom double fronted semi detached house is ideally located within a popular residential area and briefly comprises, entrance porch, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, utility room, two bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property also benefits from double glazing, gas central heating and a large rear garden.

LOT 12

**Chuckery Road
Walsall**

Wednesday 31st January at 11:30am



●Guide Price £72,000 PLUS

This three bedroom semi detached property is in need of modernisation throughout however does hold a lot of potential. The property is situated in a very popular residential area and with all amenities close at hand it comprises: Tenure Freehold Ground Floor Lounge (4m x 3.9m), Kitchen (2.9m x 2.2m), Bathroom and W.C. First Floor Bedroom one (4.2m x 3m), Bedroom two (2.6m x 2.4m), Bedroom three (3.2m x 3.4m) Outside There are gardens at the front side and rear of the property. Providing the property with a generous plot.

LOT 14

**Walstead Road
Walsall**

Wednesday 31st January at 12pm



●Guide Price £135,000 PLUS

Situated in a popular residential area this traditionally styled gas centrally heated and double glazed semi detached property offers tremendous scope for further improvement. With the benefit of gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing, the property has been extended at ground floor level and internal viewing of the spacious well proportioned accommodation is recommended. Set back from the road behind a block paved driveway with off street parking

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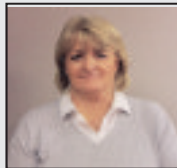


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NEW


**Odell Crescent
Bloxwich**

- Immaculately presented end terraced house
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazed
- Rear Garden
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- 2 Bedrooms
- No Onward Chain

£140,000
Energy Rating - D

NEW


**Darlaston Road
Pleck**

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge/dining room, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms, shower room/WC
- Workshop
- Parking
- Gardens

£139,950
Energy Rating - TBC

NEW


**Appledore Court
Walsall**

- Second floor flat
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NEW


**Selsdon Road
Turnberry**

- Detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- 2 bedrooms, shower room/WC
- Garage, carport
- Driveway
- Gardens

£189,950
Energy Rating - B

NEW


**Penmire Grove
Walsall**

- Three Storey Town House
- PVCu double glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Fitted Kitchen
- Rear Lounge/Diner
- Three excellent sized Bedrooms
- (master with en-suite)
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

£185,000
Energy Rating - D

NEW


**Bloxwich Road
Walsall**

- Traditional Mid Terraced House
- PVCu Double Glazed
- Gas Central Heating
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Rear Garden & separate area giving secure off road

£110,000
Energy Rating - E

NEW


**Bealeys Avenue
Wednesfield**

- Semi-Detached House
- Gas Central Heated & Double Glazed
- Lounge Diner, Kitchen
- Utility Area, Downstairs Shower Room
- Conservatory, 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- No DSS, Pets or Smokers

£575
Energy Rating - C

NEW


**Buxton Close
Lower Farm**

- Mid Terrace House
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC
- Fore and Rear Gardens
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- No Onward Chain

£130,000
Energy Rating - E

NEW


**Wolverhampton Road
Pelsall**

- Semi-Detached House
- Gas centrally heated
- Double glazed
- Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC
- Small Garage/ Storage Area
- Driveway and garden
- Fitted Kitchen

£175,000
Energy Rating - D

NEW


**Ryle Street
Bloxwich**

- End Terraced House
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Three Bedrooms,
- Front Lounge, Rear Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory
- Bathroom, Large Detached Garage/Workshop
- Driveway.
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- Must Be Viewed

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**Lodgefield Park
Stafford**

- Well Maintained Park Home
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- Electric Heating, Hallway
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area
- 2 Double Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Parking, Gardens

£100,000
Energy Rating - TBC

NEW


**Mulberry Road
Bloxwich**

- Modern Re-furnished Home
- 3 Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Extended Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- No Onward Chain

£150,000
Energy Rating - E

NEW


**Broad Lane
Bloxwich**

- Victorian end town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Low maintenance garden
- Detached garage to rear
- No Onward Chain

£115,000
Energy Rating - TBC

NEW


**Nursery Road
Bloxwich**

- Traditional Semi-Detached House
- PVCu double glazing and gas central heating.
- Front Lounge,
- Rear Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Shower Room/wc
- Off Road Parking, Rear Garden.
- SORRY NO DSS, PETS OR SMOKERS

£575
Energy Rating - D

**Church Street
Bloxwich**

- End town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed (where specified)
- Through Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- Front and Rear Gardens

£100,000
Energy Rating - C

**Avon Road
Blakenall**

- End terrace house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, conservatory, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Driveway parking
- Gardens
- No Onward Chain

£130,000
Energy Rating - E

**Hollybank Avenue
Essington**

- Extended Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Sought after cul de sac location
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating (where specified)
- Front Kitchen
- Rear Lounge/Diner
- Large Tandem Garage

£154,950
Energy Rating - E

**Woodbridge Close
Turnberry**

- Detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining kitchen, conservatory
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Garage, utility, gardens
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- Must Be Viewed

£229,950
Energy Rating - C

REDUCED


**Bealeys Close
Bloxwich**

- Modern Detached Family Home
- Gas Central Heating, PVCu Double Glazing
- Lounge, Dining Room, Study
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, Conservatory
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Ghent ready to step back in at Genting

TOMMY Ghent believes the Genting Arena will be the perfect venue to get fans excited again following his four year hiatus from the sport.

The 25-year-old Coseley boxer will compete on BCB Boxing's 'Now Or Never' show on February 23 on the undercard of Frankie Gavin's bid for the IBO World Welterweight Championship against Bethuel Ushona.

'Gladiator' has been reinvigorated since returning to boxing with his brother Richie in his corner and wants to use this next fight to show why he is a title contender. He said: "Everything is going well. I am getting back into my stride again and I am looking forward to getting back in the ring."

"Having my brother around is fantastic. I am learning every day and I am being pushed to my limit which is what I want."

The show is packed full of local boxers and Ghent is delighted to be involved. "It is really exciting to be fighting in the Genting but I don't think I will be fazed by it," he said.

Tickets, from £40, are available from theticketfactory.com

Grapple for position to see stars of WWE

SUPERSTARS of American wrestling will be in action in Birmingham later this year. Grapple fans can enjoy all the thrills and spills as WWE Live returns to the Genting Arena.

Roman Reigns takes on The Miz in an Intercontinental Championship match, while also set to join the line up are the likes of Seth Rollins, Braun Strowman, Cesaro & Sheamus, Finn Balor, Alexa Bliss, Sasha Banks and Asuka.

The event has been described as a unique blend of sport and entertainment, combining in-ring match action with dramatic entertainment. Bursting with all the drama and energy of a rock concert, in a fun, lively and exciting environment, WWE Live is the ultimate in family entertainment.

The action takes place on Tuesday, May 15, with tickets available, priced at £9.15/£51.75/£68.70/£80 (including admin fees and 90p facility fee) plus a £2.55 fulfilment fee per order, available at www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 33 88 222. VIP tickets are also on offer.

Kiwi all-rounder back for a blast with Bears

NEW ZEALAND all-rounder Colin de Grandhomme wants to go 'one step further' after rejoining Birmingham Bears for the 2018 Twenty20 Blast.

The 31-year-old helped the Bears to the final at Edgbaston last year, scoring 322 runs at a strike-rate of 170.32, as well as taking five wickets. In the final, they lost to Nottinghamshire Outlaws by 22 runs and de Grandhomme said he was hoping to go one better this time around.

"I absolutely loved my time with the Bears last season," he said. "We played some excellent T20 cricket and came very close to winning the T20 Blast on Finals Day."

"We've got a young squad with plenty of firepower, and I believe that we have every chance of going one step further in 2018. Playing in-front of a big crowd at Edgbaston with the fans in full voice is a special experience and I'm looking forward to returning to the Bears in July."

Bears' sport director Ashley Giles said: "He went on to play a huge role on our path to the final last year."

Fans unite for carnival atmosphere



Punjabi Wolves and Wolves on Tour link up to enjoy a fun day out at away games

IT is fan travel, but with a difference. Punjabi Wolves Supporters and Wolves on Tour have linked up to provide a 'carnival atmosphere' on away days.

With the success of Nuno Espirito Santo's charges this season, sitting at the top of the Championship, various groups are putting on coaches to games.

Tatter Travels ran its largest-ever operation for the Carabao Cup loss at Manchester City earlier this season, providing eight coaches.

But the Punjabi Wolves Supporters and Wolves on Tour partnership took a different approach. Their focus was on quality, not quantity.

Andy Sahota elped set up Punjabi Wolves back in 2007. He said: "There's 50 of us. We want to keep the numbers low, but everybody that comes with us has a good time. We want to be like a family, at the end of the day. The people on the coach, we want to know them all. We welcome everybody."

Following

One of the most popular Wolves supporters groups, Punjabi Wolves have made waves this season with their drum-led celebrations after games.

Wolves on Tour only started last campaign, but have gained a good following in that short time. Trips to Man City in October and Reading in November were hugely successful, as was the short journey to Birmingham.

"What we are trying to achieve is a carnival atmosphere," Sahota said. "We want to try to create that, every game we go to. We want people from all different backgrounds to get together and have a good time."

"Going forward, that's what we are trying to do – we are trying to make it different from what other people are doing. We want to theme them and have a good time, a carnival."

Wolves on Tour is run by Ash Wilde. The relationship between his group and Punjabi Wolves started with the game at Nottingham Forest in September, which Nuno's men won 2-1.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joe Edwards



Drums help with the jovial atmosphere

Sahota added: "Our first travel was to Sunderland in 2007 and all we've wanted is people from all different backgrounds to have a good time. It's about enjoying yourself and partying."

"Ash got in touch with us and it's helped both parties, really – they've got the following, we've got the vibes and the quality. It works hand in hand."

Wilde says Wolves on Tour came about following the buzz around a Facebook page he set up, called Wolverhampton Wanderers FC News and Chat.

"We basically started out from the Facebook page – Wolverhampton Wan-

derers FC News and Chat – and went on from there. We thought we'd have a go at the travelling, and it's good fun."

For Sahota and Wilde, the aim for any away match was to make it enjoyable and memorable for anybody who decides to travel with them.

And Wilde recognises that has been a lot easier to do now Wolves are playing at a very high level. "When the team is playing well, everyone wants to go – there is a good vibe," he added.

There are currently no further plans for Punjabi Wolves and Wolves on Tour to work together, with both groups focusing on their own activities.

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Rout opens up six-point lead at top

Walsall Wood 8 Coventry Alvis 0
WOOD rocketed out of the blocks and by six minutes it was game over as they led 4-0.

To their credit, the basement boys tried to take the game to Wood but shipped another four goals to take their league tally to 92 from 23 games.

Peter Till linked up with Jordan Fitzpatrick to fire in the first goal. Virtually straight away Ben Lund made it two, and keeping up the pressure, Lei Brown made it three. When Brown made it four, it looked like a calculator would be needed, but only one more was added before half-time, through Tony Clarke.

It was six from the very first attack of the second half as Brown unselfishly set up Clarke. This stunned the visitors into life, and Lloyd Ransome was forced into a great save.

At the other end Abidan Edwards denied Clarke his hat-trick and saved from Paul Sullivan.

But, following a counter-attack with a snapshot off the bar, Sullivan put Lee Butler in on goal to make it seven. With time running out Sullivan completed his return from injury by lashing in number eight.

It wrapped up Wood's second double of the season with a 15-0 aggregate win.

With Atherstone and Ilkeston both held away by lower opposition Wood have now opened up a six-point gap at the top still with a game in hand over the next four teams.

Coventry Copsewood visit Fortress Wood on Saturday.

Double the chance of Midland boxing glory as field halves

BOXERS still involved in BCB's Midlands Boxing Super Series have seen their hopes of lifting the Midlands Area Super Featherweight Title double.

The field has been halved, with four now still standing to lift the crown.

Luke Jones of Chasetown, Brummie Paul Holt, Indi Sangha of Derby and Tamworth's Louis Fielding remain after the withdrawals of Kane Baker, Manny Zaber and Josh Baillie. Jack Summers also no longer features.

The elimination tournament, staged by Errol Johnson's BCB Promotions, starts on Saturday February 10, in the Stadium Suite at Walsall Football Club. There will be no quarter-final ties, with Jones instead taking on Holt and Fielding up against Sangha in the semis.

Home fighter Rachel Ball and Coventry's Jordan Cooke also feature in other offerings.

Tickets are on sale through the boxers on Facebook or online at iboxingtickets.com. Or, call the box office on 01922 651414, extension 416. They cost £35 standard and £60 ringside, the latter to include food. Entry on the night is £40.

Shaibu adds sting to Saddlers

WALSALL have snapped up highly rated Brentford striker Justin Shaibu on loan for the rest of the season.

The 20-year-old becomes the Saddlers second signing of the January transfer window following the arrival of George Dobson. He was expected to be eligible for the League One clash at Blackburn on Tuesday night.

A Denmark under-20 international, Shaibu joined the Bees from home-town club HB Køge back in June 2016. Initially signed for Brentford's

B team, the forward was promoted to the first-team ranks ahead of the 2017/18 campaign.

He has featured five times for Dean Smith's side this season and scored his first senior goal in a League Cup victory over AFC Wimbledon. Shaibu's arrival follows the departures of Tyler Roberts, Daniel Agyei and Zeli Ismail following their loan spells.

Boss Jon Whitney is delighted to have added the youngster to his ranks. He said: "We needed some reinforcements up top and it's important

that Justin came in. I spoke to Dean Smith about him in the last transfer window and he needs games now.

"They brought him in from Denmark in 2016 and they see him as having a very big future. He's got raw pace and he gives us that threat up front.

"Dean obviously knows how we work here and that we can help to develop him between now and the end of the season.

"Justin will come in and give us that attacking threat."

LOSING TOUCH WITH THE PACK

Ludlow 29 Walsall 7

WALSALL suffered their third successive defeat and are slowly losing touch with the leading group of teams in Midlands Two West.

The Delves Road side have struggled on their travels this season, winning only two of their nine games in all competitions. They will be encouraged, however, by a strong forward performance which should have resulted in more points on the scoreboard.

The first points came from some poor kicking. The hosts were quick to counter attack when Walsall tried to kick ahead and after some inter passing, full back Jim Doyle went over for the try which Will Sparrow converted.

Near the half hour the hosts added to their score as they moved the ball quickly and winger Sparrow finished off with a devastating burst of speed for a try near the corner flag. Five minutes later a loose ball was kicked on and Doyle won the race to score his second try. Sparrow added the conversion for a 19-0 interval lead.

Outpaced

Walsall pushed forward at the start of the second half and were looking to put winger Nico Watkins away. But the Walsall pass was intercepted by Sparrow, who then outpaced the defence in a 70m run for the try line with Doyle adding the conversion.

The visitors had long periods of possession and were harshly denied a try after a good lineup drive. However, on the next occasion Mike Lockett took the lineup ball and Matt James ensured the ball was grounded. A Doyle penalty for the hosts completed the scoring.

On Saturday Walsall will look to get back to winning ways when relegation threatened Newcastle visit Delves Road.

The United's recent run of good form came to an end as they lost 30-19 to Bournville 2nds. Andy Fitzgerald scored two tries with Tom Thorley forcing the second. Mitch Carless kicked two conversions.

Kelly's eye on Open darts slot



UK Open darts qualifiers Mark Craddock, left, and Liam Kelly

LIAM Kelly and Mark Craddock have booked their places at the 'FA Cup of Darts' after coming through qualifiers in Wolverhampton.

Dudley's Kelly and Cannock's Craddock fought their way to the last two to get their chance at glory at the 2018 UK Open.

The finals are at Butlin's Minhead from March 2-4 and Rileys Sports Bars are working alongside the PDC to produce 32 'wildcards' to join the latter's professionals.

Kelly and Craddock prevailed from the first weekend of competition. The next event is on

February 18. Anybody aged 16 or over can compete, but entries cannot be made on the day.

Applications can be made in person at Rileys until 5pm the previous day. Call 01902 310521. The online cut-off is 24 hours before the event at www.rileys.co.uk/tournaments

Entry fee is £7 and there is a strict dress code of trousers, shoes and either a shirt or polo shirt.

Doors open at 10am on the day and players must sign in by midday, ahead of the 12.30pm draw. They will toe the oche by 1.30pm.

Nap hand for Darlo as run extends

Darlaston 5 Telford Juniors 0

DARLASTON made it 16 points from the last 18, cementing third place in the league with a comfortable five-goal victory.

Following torrential rain during the week the pitch was heavy and not conducive to free-flowing football. However, both teams played a passing game and did not resort to playing long ball.

Darlaston began at a whirlwind pace and went ahead after 11 minutes, Tyrone Clarke-O'Connell scoring after being teed up by Ryan Jones.

Darlaston were in control but grew frustrated as they failed to make their chances count.

Further chances went begging before the home side eventually doubled their lead from the penalty spot on 33 minutes, Leon Taylor was brought down and Lucas Hough despatched.

The third goal came early in the second half, Taylor outjumping Ebrima Jallow to head home.

The game was effectively over as a contest on 63 minutes, Taylor netting his second, and Darlaston's afternoon was complete in the final minute when they were awarded a second penalty following an off the ball incident between Scott Broadway and Telford's Jordan Sankey. Top scorer Broadway was handed the responsibility and fired home.

On Saturday Darlaston make the short journey to Long Lane, Essington, to take on Wyrley, hoping to extend their unbeaten league run to seven games.

Pics squander their advantage yet again

Marine 2 Rushall Olympic 2

PICS let the lead slip for the second week running. After being pegged back from 3-0 the week before, Pics held a two-goal advantage here.

Andre Landell gave Pics a 10th minute lead in the Evo-Stik Premier and Sam Whittall jinked past a defender and fired home to double the advantage.

The home side pulled one back on 70 minutes when Danny Mitchley was brought down and scored from the spot. The equaliser came on 82 minutes when Kenny Strickland caught Bermudian goalkeeper Jahquill Hill out with a free-kick from 30 yards out.

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